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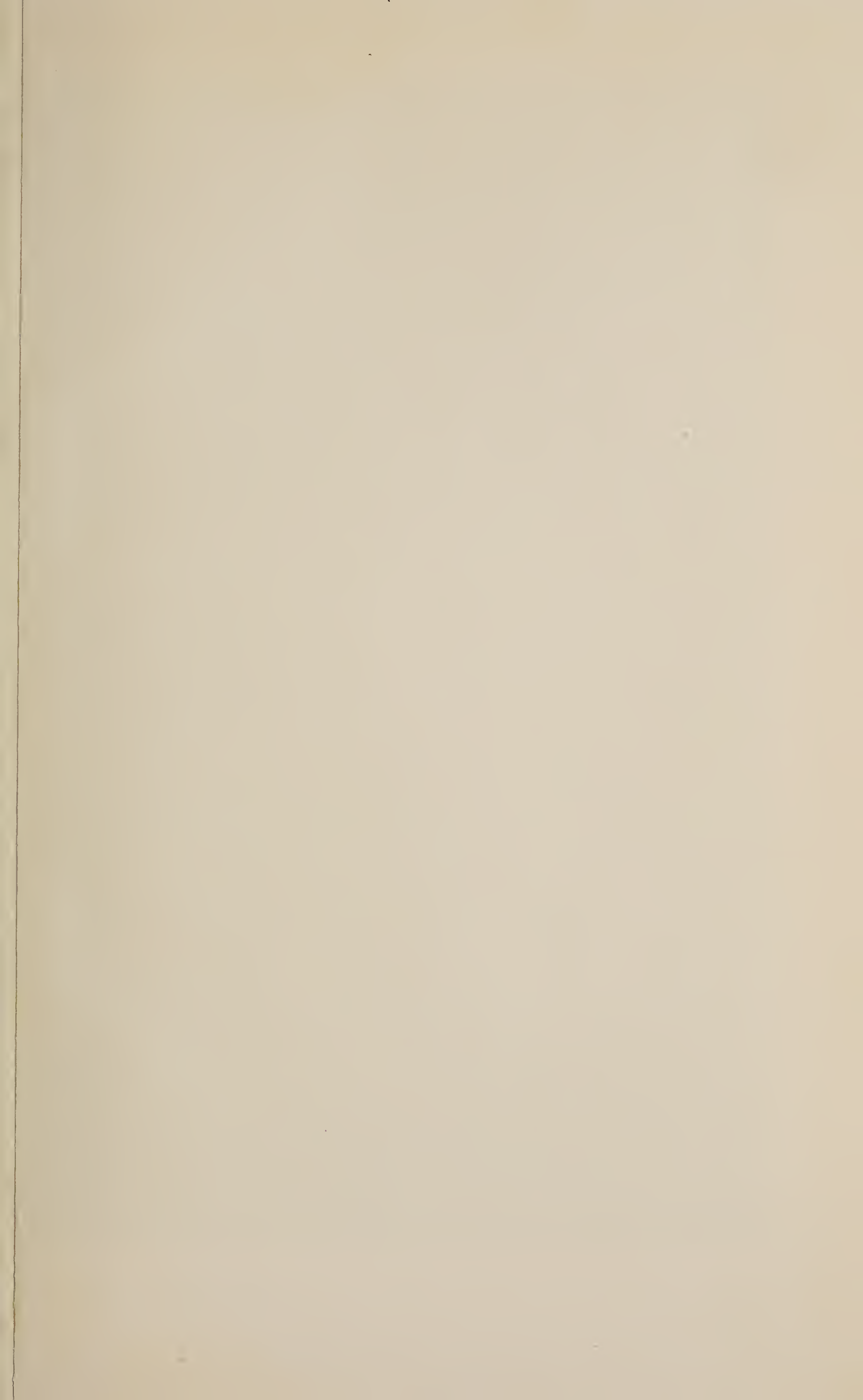
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HISTORICAL NOTES

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WINDHAM COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

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It has been impossible to verify all instances of birth-place and when date of birth is given and no mention of place, Jamaica is understood to be meant.

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Jamaica, Vt.

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CHAPTER I

DISCOVERY, DESCRIPTION AND GEOLOGY

In May, 1535, Jacques Cartier, a French navigator, on his second voyage, with three small ships, sailed up the St. Lawrence river, and October 2, 1535 was shown the beautiful country belonging to the Iroquois, called "Iroquoisia." Thus came the first Europeans upon the territory now included within the limits of the State of Vermont.

Jamaica, Windham County, Vermont. Latitude 43° 5' North, Longitude 4° 11' East, from Washington, D. C. Area, 42 square miles, 27,017 acres. Elevation, 688 feet.

From a Spanish word, "Haymaca," meaning "Isle of Springs," "Island of Fountains," or "well watered."

Population

1791	1800	1840	1860	1880	1939
263	582	1586	1606	1252	600

Width of highways is not less than three rods. This does not apply to trails, crossroads, lanes, and pent roads. "Laws of Vermont 4743."

Elevation of Hills in Township

The Pinnacle	2504 feet
West Jamaica Hill	2060 feet
College Hill	2051 feet
Sage Hill	2040 feet
Shatterack Mountain	1900 feet
Turkey Mountain	1800 feet
Ball Mountain	1765 feet
South Hill	1700 feet
Tom Thumb Mountain	1050 feet

Ponds

Adams
Cole's or Jamaica

Esterbrook
Grover

River and Brooks

West River
Ball Mountain Brook, North
and South Branch
Cobb Brook

Howard Brook
Sharp Brook
Turkey Mountain Brook
Whetstone Brook

Waterfalls

Hamilton Falls, Cobb Brook
Pikes Falls, North Branch, Ball Mountain Brook

Jamaica is in the eastern foothills of the Green Mountains, which are made up of rock of very old gneiss of Archeozoic age, which is about as old as any rock known in the United States.

This rock literally forms the backbone of this region, as all the strata of younger age lie upon it, both to the east and west.

The hills and mountains after many thousands of years of weathering filled the valleys and formed a peneplain, and these hills of resistant rock, standing in the plain are called monadnocks; College Hill and The Pinnacle are examples of this formation in Jamaica.

Jamaica, like the entire State, was covered by moving ice many hundreds of feet thick during the Glacial epoch, and much scratching and scouring resulted. Many valleys were filled with stones, gravel and sand by the slowly moving ice mass, especially valleys running across the path of the ice. Streams today are removing this boulder filled material. At this period many boulders were left in peculiar positions throughout the country. Balancing Rock near the French Bridge is one.

The earth is made up of rocks of many kinds and con-

ditions, even sand being included, as it is merely former rock that has been reduced to fine grains, by the wearing down by erosion. Unconsolidated rock includes also gravel and boulders, so common in Jamaica.

Most rocks are composed of minerals, oxides, carbonates and silicates in which sulphides often occur. Most minerals can occur in the crystal form. Very little of the metallic group is found here, iron pyrite, FeS_2 (fool's gold), is quite common. The non-metallic minerals, quartz, feldspar and mica are common, talc and garnet are found in small quantities, rocks found are gneiss and mica schist, with perhaps some local beds of old crystalline limestone. Most talc is a schistose rock. College Hill and Sage Hill seem to be made up of gneiss, a coarse rock more compact than schist. It is very much changed from its original structure and has been injected by quartz, granite and pegmatite veins and dykes. It is undoubtedly Archeozoic in age.

Ball Mountain Brook valley was choked by boulder deposits during the Ice Age. Some of the gravel pits now being used, Twing's at Pikes Falls, and Butler's at East Jamaica, show stratification, showing that they were deposited in water. Twing's was probably a small lake at the edge of the ice-filled valley during the waning period of glaciation. Other deposits along the West River could have been formed during floods ages ago, before the river had cut down to its present level. The high flat terraces indicate this.

CHAPTER II

INDIAN PERIOD, SETTLEMENT AND CHARTER

Scouts under command of Capt. Eleazer Melvin of Northfield, Mass., left Fort Dummer early in May, 1748. Going westward they reached Lake Champlain opposite Fort Frederick, a French outpost, when a party of Indians in canoes was discovered. It seems that a company of about thirty Indians had left Canada May 1 for the frontier, under command of Sieur Manot. The Indians retreated at the first firing, which also alarmed the men at the fort. Three cannon were discharged, and one hundred and fifty men turned out in pursuit of the enemy. Captain Melvin retreated across the mountain to the head of the West River, halting in what is now the town of Londonderry, May 30. Next morning, while shooting salmon for breakfast at Salmon Hole, unaware that their trail had been followed by a party of two Frenchmen and nine Indians under Sieur Louis Sumblin, creeping under the bushes until near their prey, the Indians pounced upon them. The English, who were careless in being separated from their arms, were surprised and five were killed: John Howard, Isaac Taylor, John Dod, Daniel Mann, and Samuel Severence, and Joseph Pettie wounded. After only a slight resistance Captain Melvin climbed the cliff and shouted orders to his men that each was to make for Fort Dummer.

Their victors did not attempt to follow them but returned homeward to Montreal in triumph with five scalps. Melvin on reaching Fort Dummer that evening reported, and Capt. Phineas Stevens next morning led a company to the scene of the disaster, found the five bodies and buried them near the mouth of Ball Mountain Brook, but

failed to find Pettie, who had given out and had been left by his companions in their flight; but later sixteen men from Northfield, Mass., after a search of five days found the body and buried it. These were the first deaths and burials in the town of Jamaica.

Asa Gage settled near here and in clearing the land found marked trees which he left standing, these trees were remembered by his son Sullivan Gage. It was supposed these trees marked the spot where the bodies were found. Philetus Kellogg and Mason Howard while working in a field near where the railroad depot was built, found a ball of earth and on examining it they found a sun-dial compass about the size of a watch of ancient make, and old enough to have been used at that period. It was made and adjusted to the latitude of Massachusetts. The cover screwed on, and the dial divided to quarter points, and was lettered for the Dutch. The needle works. Captain Melvin kept his journal showing observations by such an instrument down to the time of the battle, and it is believed it was his and lost in the fight. This compass was in the possession of the Hon. H. H. Wheeler of Jamaica at one time. This is thought by some as proof that the fight took place at Salmon Hole. The compass is now in the Windham County Historical Museum at Newfane.

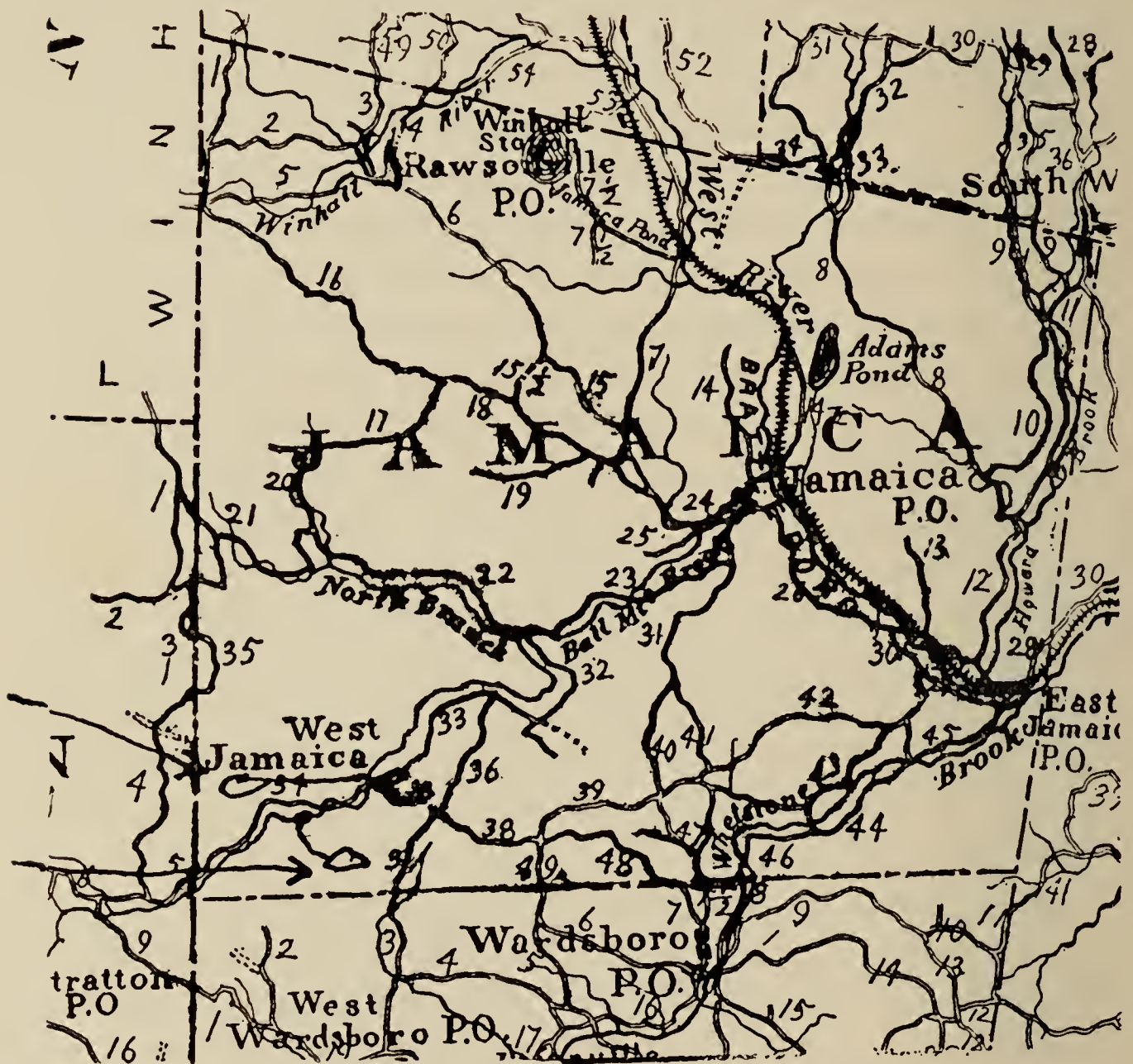
One of the men who took part in the skirmish at the Salmon Hole, Ensign Joseph Kidder, died April 19, 1817. Born 1725, he was 23 years old when the fight took place, was 92 years old at his death, and had six children.

The first permanent settlement in Windham County, Vt., was in the town of Brattleboro at Fort Dummer, built by the Province of Massachusetts Bay, for the protection of Northfield, Deerfield, and to the south. This was February 3, 1724.

The first settlers in Jamaica were William Hayward and his two sons, Caleb and Silas, from Townshend, who

had cleared some land the year before and built some houses into which they moved, June 16, 1775, near what is now East Jamaica, and the next day they heard the roar of the cannon at the battle of Bunker Hill.

MAP SHOWING NUMBERED ROADS.



In early days all roads were numbered, and are so in the records of the township.

The night after their arrival, Elisha Hayward was born. Hemenway's "Gazetteer" says this was the first child born in Jamaica. But this is not in accord with

“Childs” record, which says that this firstborn was Banyard, son of Paul Hayward.

Benjamin Hayward, now spelled Howard, came from Mendon, Mass., had six sons settle in Jamaica. Paul and Calvin were two of them.

By a resolution of the General Assembly of Vermont, passed on November 6, 1780, the township of Jamaica was granted a charter to Samuel Fletcher and fifty-three others, on a payment of nine pounds lawful money for each right. The charter was signed the next day, November 7, 1780.

The conditions of the charter were that each proprietor of said township of Jamaica, his heirs and assigns, shall plant and cultivate five acres of land, and build a house thereon at least eight feet square, on each share or plight of land in said township, within the term of four years, and that all pine trees fit for masting the Royal Navy were to be preserved, and none such cut without special license, also one share for the first settled minister. This is known as “Ministerial Land,” and the income from it to be used for the support of the church. The first Proprietors’ meeting was June 5, 1781, and voted to lay out the township into lots, James Mack to be surveyor, and a committee of five was appointed for lotting off the township, and they should be paid two pounds and two shillings per week and also travel, and it was voted that silver money and Vermont currency should be used as a tender to the Proprietors’ collector and no other.

The first town meeting was held September 3, 1781, at the house of William Hayward, on road 28 at East Jamaica, and elected the following officers:

Lucius Wilson, Moderator

William Howard Church, Town Clerk

Benjamin Howard	}	Selectmen
William Hayward		
William Church		

Calvin Hayward, Constable
Peter Hazeltine, Treasurer
Paul Hayward, Lister
Caleb Hayward, Surveyor

Among the original grantees were His Excellency Thomas Chittenden, Col. Samuel Fletcher, Benjamin How, Col. Moses Robinson, Ira Allen, Esq., William Hayward, William Church, Caleb Maynard, Peter Hazeltine, Eleazer Harris, Stephen Rawson, John Butler, Paul Hayward, and about forty others.

In the early days Vermont was called the "wilderness," and was said by some to be composed of two stones for each bit of dirt. But little by little the wilderness became a garden of beauty, and the township of Jamaica has its share. The signs at the entrance of the village give as points of interest College Hill, Salmon Hole, and Balancing Rock. Of course there are many others, and some of them are described elsewhere in these pages. There are many magnificent views and landscape pictures, and in October the coloring and cloud effects are beyond description, and should be seen to be appreciated.

In 1784 the road from West Townshend to Peaked Rock was built. At this point there was a ford, and Aaron Butler who lived near had a log canoe, and made a charge of four pence half penny. He had a horn hanging on a tree, and when it was blown he came and ferried across. This road was built to Winhall in 1790, but there was no bridge for many years where the bridge is now known as "The French Bridge," so called because J. Clark French had his home and farm at this location on the south side of the river. There were very few roads, and travel was by stage-coach, and the freighting was by six-horse teams.

The winters were long, but not much time was wasted. Many things had to be done beside the regular chores for men, women, and children: butchering of beef and hogs;

trying out of lard and tallow; making candles and soap; shelling of corn; thrashing oats, wheat, rye, and buckwheat; making sled stakes and handles for axe, hoe, fork, and shovel, using hickory and white oak for these. After splitting straight-grained ash, it was beaten with a maul, the wood would separate and it was used for basket work. The wood parted better if cut in the spring when the sap was running. Milk pails, sap buckets, barrels, and hoops were all made of wood; also pumps, and pump pipes to carry water to the houses. For tools, about all they had were saw, drawshave, adz, axe, and knife. Working this ash wood into basket material was a hard job, and you could hear the steady thump of the maul for hours at a time, but it did separate the wood and made good stock of splint for all sizes of baskets. Candle dipping was one of the many tasks of the housewife. The tallow was melted in a large kettle, six or eight strings for the wick being strung on a slender stick, about one-quarter inch in diameter, and as long as one could handle, so they did not touch each other. The strings were dipped in the hot tallow and raised to drain and cool, then dipped and cooled until the size of the candle wanted was made. This was before the candle mould of tin was in use.

In the early days each family tried to be self-supporting as much as possible, making sugar, butter, cheese, apple jack, and many families dried apple to take to the local store for barter, receiving from two to five cents a pound. Many homes had the spinning wheel, to spin the yarn for weaving, knitting of stockings, mittens, tippets, and galluses.

Many beds had corn husks for mattresses.

The housewife depended on the roots, bark, and leaves of the medicinal plants she gathered in season and dried and prepared for use, in sickness and pain, the doctor not being easily reached in time of trouble. Some of the more common herbs used were: aconite, calomel, catnip, fennel,

hellebore, lobelia, rhubarb, sage, sassafras, sumac, thoroughwort, wild cherry.

Making maple sugar is another of the hard jobs for the men. Many cords of wood have to be in readiness before the sap is gathered, for when the fire is once started it must be kept going, and one is surprised at the amount of wood it takes, for the fire is burning night and day.

Gathering sap was most always a case of wallowing around in the wet snow, with a pail in each hand, and sometimes not as full as it should be. Even if you were handy with a sap yoke, the sap would slop. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup. However, there was some fun with all the work. One of the pleasures for the visitor was the sugaring off with the hot syrup and clean white snow, the syrup making the sticky fine grain of sweet that is of the pure flavor of Vermont maple sugar.

After a heavy fall of snow everybody was expected to get out and break roads. Six-horse teams dragged the snow rollers, and many a pair of oxen would pull a front pair of sled runners, with a bushy evergreen top on either side, chained so as to act as a side sweep.

Getting in the winter's wood was another big task. Most trees are cut in the winter. Any timber fit for plank or boards is made into logs and sent to the mill. Most of the wood is cut into four-foot lengths, and hauled and sawed into size for fireplace, kitchen, or chunk stove. This chopping wood is dangerous work, as the limbs are slippery with snow and frost, and the footing is never very good, and a slip may mean a bad cut, as all axes are kept at a very sharp edge, and if it does hit you, it may mean a serious accident.

In winter the young folks, also the older ones, enjoyed the sleighing parties from the near-by towns, with dancing, singing, and a good supper at the hotel. Then at home there were candy pulls, quilting parties, spelling

bees, huskings and a red ear now and then, and don't forget the sugar on snow, with pickles and doughnuts, and ducking for apples.

Clocks were not in common use, and many a south window sill in the kitchen was scratched when the sun cast a shadow, on the twenty-first of June at midday, and this mark was to indicate to the housewife that it was dinner time. I wonder what they did when the sun did not shine.

Jamaica offers a rich field for the student in botany. There are many of the wild flowers, ferns, mosses, and vines to be found from early spring until late fall. Many of the orchids are to be found, and I once found a clump of the Hooker's with six in bloom—and it seems unusual to find so many in an area of about four feet. The fringed gentian is not so common as the closed variety, but when a plant in full bloom is found it is a very beautiful thing, and considered by many as the most beautiful wild flower. Clintonia is another blue shade—this time it is the berries, in color that is called a true blue with no purple tinge.

Hurricane and Floods

1788 August. A great hurricane with dense black clouds rolled up from the northwest, wind roared with deep thunder and lightning, then came the rain and the rushing hurricane—one full blast that swept the forest to the ground, no swaying of the trees back and forth, but one steady rush of the mighty wind that felled many trees in its range for many miles up and down the West River valley. Many cattle were killed and many buildings were unroofed.

1816 was known as the "Poverty" year or "16 Froze to death," also known as the "summerless" year, there was snow in June and every month except in August.

1869. A great flood that did much damage to the high-

ways and bridges. The French covered bridge was carried off and sailed down the river and lodged on the meadow opposite the schoolhouse. Afterward the bridge was taken apart and rebuilt with the same timbers, and lasted for many years.

The bridge on North Street was carried away, and William Carr who was on it at the time was drowned, his body being found the next day. He was a town officer for several years, acting as collector, lister, and deputy sheriff.

1925. A severe windstorm, "twister," destroyed the long covered bridge at the railroad depot. It is very unusual for a bridge to be destroyed by wind. This twister came down the valley, and below little Ball Mountain turned and blew up the valley and struck the bridge and laid it flat upstream.

The last covered bridge in town was the Howard bridge at Rawsonville. Built in 1889, a Howe truss with nearly a flat roof, it was torn down for highway improvement in 1939.

Many people coming here from out of the state, and seeing the brooks and small streams, in the dry season, cannot realize the damage that may be done each year at high-water time. This town has so many bridges, some are carried away and have to be replaced.

1927 November. Very high water, with much damage to roads and bridges. French and Wardsboro bridges at East Jamaica destroyed.

1936. In the spring unusually high water, with the damage to roads and bridges high, the new steel girder bridge, "Wards," was damaged and the girders twisted and bent so that they had to be made straight to be used again.

1938 September. Hurricane and rain destroyed seventeen bridges and many miles of highway. No lives lost, but many mills were wrecked and some destroyed entirely, the Leon Cheney mill being one.

Flood Control

Just now the interest about flood control by the Federal Government brings to mind the excitement in 1923 about a dam for water power on the West River above the Jamaica railroad station at a point known as the "Ox Bow." The water level was to be at the 1200-foot contour line and would submerge Londonderry, South Londonderry, Winhall Station, and Rawsonville, leaving Bondville on the shore of the lake. This level it is estimated would develop a pressure of about 200 pounds to the square inch. It was said at that time water-power interests had agents seeking land values up and down the valley, but not above the 1200-foot level.

Stores

The first store goods were offered for sale by Nathaniel Cheney, in a building known as the noon-house, nearly opposite the Congregational church. This noon-house was a small square building with a fireplace and chimney. This was before stoves were generally used and the meetinghouse was not warmed. A fire was started in the noon-house in the morning, and the people who came from a distance left their lunch in the noon-house, to keep it from freezing, and filled their foot-stoves, and went to morning service. After service they went to the noon-house and ate their lunch, and then went to the meetinghouse for another sermon and prayer. This noon-house was also used by the workmen in cold and stormy weather as a place to eat their lunches and have a noon smoke.

Ripley and Doolittle built the first store building on this site and later it was moved forward and joined to the building near the street, and was used as a store by Wilder, Cheney and Brown, later by J. S. Newell, L. Merrifield and Co., also by the post office in 1837, followed by I. and J. Williams, C. H. Pierce and Co., A. Johnson,

J. H. Converse, and Anson Howard. This building is said to be the same one owned and occupied by the Hon. H. H. Wheeler, now owned by Ralph J. Daggett, 1939.

The second store was built by S. T. R. Cheney, and used later by Brown and Furnace, J. G. Sumner, Sumner and Brimhall, Union Stores Association, and the Jamaica Leather Co. This building was destroyed by fire.

In 1846-47 J. G. Sumner built the store opposite the hotel, later occupied by Birchard Livermore and Co., Livermore and Howard, Benjamin Livermore, H. J. Phelps, Abijah Muzzy, A. Muzzy and Son, J. A. Muzzy Co. In 1849 the Union Stores Association Co. fitted up and occupied the building where L. H. Phelps' store was, and later used by O. F. Knowlton, Knowlton and Foskett, Knowlton and Butler, H. A. Butler, Butler Bros., Daniel Sherwin, Harry S. Sherwin who was town clerk, and had the office here for several years.

In 1852 C. H. Pierce built the building on Mechanic Street and it was used as a store by C. H. Pierce and Co., and in 1854 by John Williams as store and post office, then by D. G. Dexter, Pierce and Dexter, F. E. Smith. It is now used as a grain store by Frank A. Rush.

Elisha Livermore had a store in what is now the Masonic building, and sold to S. T. R. Cheney.

Caleb How's shoe shop was the house now owned by John Wolcott near the Baptist church.

*Mr Williston Sir
Please to send me 1 Bottle of Shoe Blacking
Dollars worth of good Chewing Tobacco
Jamaica May 9th 1831 Caleb How*

CALEB HOW SIGNATURE.

Credit items copied from his book:

1828, Nov.	4	By one bbl. cider	\$.75
“	“	11 “ 16 nots of shoe thread	.20
“	Dec.	16 “ weaving 8½ yds. wool cloth at .06	.51
1829 Sept.	4	“ weaving 3 yds diaper at .08	.24
1829 Mar.	12	“ 9½ gals. soap	1.00
1828 Apr.	30	“ most one day setting out maple trees	.42
1828 June	20	“ 1 gallon and 7 gills cider brandy	.60
“	May	16 “ 7½ lb. veal forequarter at .02½	.19
1829 July	5	“ Carding 6¼ lbs. wool at .05	.31
“	Aug.	16 “ 12¾ lbs. cheese at .03	.38
“	Dec.	23 “ 44 lbs. beef at .03¼	1.43
“	Sept.	27 “ 1 small coffin	.67
“	Sept.	19 “ Windmill to clean 2 bushel beans	.02
1830, Mar.	23	“ 6 qt apple sauce and 12 qt. do	.56
“	May	13 “ mare to Townshend singing lecture	.36
“	Dec.	8 “ sitting 6 hoops on meat tub	.18
1831, July	11	“ 7½ lb. butter at .12	.88
“	“	5 “ making two pr. everyday pantaloons	.50
“	May	31 “ 5¼ lb. trouts	.50
“	Sept.	6 “ making shirt for Jerry	.17
“	“	16 “ cards ginger bread	.50
1832, “	2	“ 2 doz. eggs at .10 and 1 doz. do.	.30
“	Nov.	12 “ trimming bonnett	.18
“	“	30 “ covering hand bellows	.20
“	“	6 “ 10½ lb. steak with some bone	.40
“	Aug.	12 “ horse and shay to Wardsboro City	.72
1828, Dec.	16	“ dressing a hog—cutting it up	.50
“	“	22 “ one day sawing wood	.34
1829, Oct.	16	“ “ “ making fence	.50
“	“	9 “ 22 lb. 9 oz fresh pork at .04½	1.02

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1828					
May 7	buy	Cart to Drac out	Manure	about 3	of a day - 34
June 11	buy	$\frac{1}{2}$ a day	Oxen	Plowing	Potatoes 50
20	buy	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ of	fresh	Pork at	as 048
30	buy	1 gallon	of	gills of	elder Brand at 31 - 060
July 25	buy	1 qt	of	elder Brandy	012
August 14	buy	1 qt	of	elder Brandy	013
Sept 9	buy	Lyman	Cart	Oxen	Get in Stalks - 34
22	buy	Oxen	Cart	to get up	1 Load Beans & Load of Corn 29
27	buy	Oxen	Cart	Most 7 a day	Mowing Logs & Stalks 34
Oct 4	buy	Oxen	Cart	to draw	1 Load of Potatoes & Load of Beans 117
8	buy	Oxen	Cart	to get in	Corn 117

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Debit items copied from the How book:

1828, Aug.	30	To one pr. morroco shoes	.63
“ Oct.	22	“ mending shay harness	.13
1829, July	1	“ making 1 pr. girles booties	.46
“ “	1	“ patching one boot leg	.08
“ Sept.	17	“ making 1 pr. thick shoes and thread	.61
1830, May	15	“ “ 1 pr. Prunello pumps for Rebecca	.50
“ “	5	“ young calf sold to your wife	.50
“ Aug.	14	“ making 2 pr. thick shoes for twins	1.00
1830, Feb.	13	By patching 1 pr. thin boots	.13
1831, June	21	“ new vamping 1 pr. worn shoes	.17
1832, June	1	“ making 1 pr. thick shoes for Gilbert	.50
“ June	2	“ making 2 pr. cloth shoes at 2/6	.84
1833, Dec.	20	“ stringing shay bells and leather	.67
“ Sept.	16	“ varnishing 1 pr. morrocco shoes	.06
“ Mar.	8	“ mistake in wreckening	1.00
“ Dec.	10	“ soeing 1 morrocco pump	.06
“ Nov.	27	“ making 1 pr. girles shoes	.37
1825 Sept.	20	“ house wrent 5 months and 2/3 a 3/	2.83
1829 Apr.	22	“ 1 day and team drawing stone	1.00
1828 Dec.	14	“ tap and heal tapping 1 pr. shoes	.20
1829 Mar.	4	“ fixing clock	.12
“ Oct.	23	“ puling 2 teeth	.17
1831 May	15	“ coffin for Dennis Lind, lined and handles	1.50
“ Oct.	25	“ sharpening 2 rasors	.10
“ Nov.	8	“ file and setting mill saw	.10
“ Sept.	21	“ soeing and peging 1 pr. boots	.08
1832 July	26	“ taping 1 pr. thick shoes	.17

56 - 1828	Capt Benjamin Howard Jr	
Sept 5	to making 1 pair thick Shoes & Thread	— 0 61
1828	July 14 to making 1 pair thin Shoes & Thread	— 0 76
1829	to making 9 pair girls Boots & Thread	— 0 46
Decem 31	to making 1 pair thin Boots at Cash &	\$ 1 83
1830	to 1 pair Counter Slipperings & Bindings	— 1 50
March 19	to making 1 pair thin Shoes & heel & Heels	— 14
Oct 20	to Paid for writing & the ^{known} & Paid	— 79
		— 1 6
Decem 1	to making 1 pair thin Boots	— 1 75
1832	to making 1 pair thick Boots & Leather for Billings	— 1 75
July 7	to a Quackbill running to L. C. & L. C.	— 534
		<u>1199</u>

COPY OF PART PAGE OF DEBITS FROM CALEB HOW'S BOOK.

Capt. Banyard Howard was the first child born in Jamaica.

From "Child's History of Windham County, Vermont."

Caleb How, Shoemaker

Customers' names in book for years 1827 to 1832

Baldwin, Asa	How, Susan
Barnes, Charles	Howard, Amos
Brown, Capt. James	Howard, Capt. Banyard
Chamberlain, Dr. Moses	Howard, Boswil
Chase, Eseck	Howard, Dexter
Cheney, S. T. R.	Howard, Jared
Coombs, Jethro	Howard, Luke
Cowding, Mrs. Abi	Howard, Luther
Crosby, Eli	Howard, Nathan
Davidson, James	Howard, Stoddard
Davison, John	Howard, Zimri
Eaton, Hemphrey	Johnson, Arad
Felton, Esq. Benj.	Johnson, Ira
Fisher, Joseph	Johnson, Orrin
Follett, Samuel	Johnson, Vri
Gage, P.	Johnson, Willis
Gage, Reuben	Kellogg, Alphus
Gage, Sullivan	Kellogg, Amos
Gleason, Allen	Kellogg, John
Goodale, Esq. T.	Kellogg, Josiah
Grimes, Johnson	Kingsbury, Nathaniel
Heaton, Cyrus	Kingsbury, Rev. Samuel
Higgins, David	Livermore, Asa
Hill, David	Livermore, Ezra
How, Aseneth	Livermore, Justice Lot
How, Benjamin	Maynard, Elisha A.
How, Freeman	Muzzy, Benjamin
How, Gilmore	Pierce, Benjamin
How, Lucius	Puffer, Amos
How, Mylon	Rawson, Luther
How, Peter	Rice, John
How, Rogers	Rice, Stephen
How, Simeon	Sabins, Ebenezer

Shepard, Ezra
Shepard, Joseph
Shepard, Reuben
Shunway, Lewis
Skinner, Jainey
Skinner, Esq. Z.
Smith, Rufus
Smith, Willard
Spaulding, Rev. P.
Stevens, Esq. A.
Sumner, Deac. Benj.

Thayer, Moses
Thayer, Warren
Turner, Ezra
Underwood, Isaac
Wellman, Asa
Wellman, Charles
Wellman, Reuben
Wheaton, Deac. C.
Wilder, Ezra W.
Young, Job
Young, Jonathan

CHAPTER III

SCHOOLS, TOWN AND PRIVATE

1791. The first schoolhouse was built of logs on road 29 at East Jamaica on the south side near the Training Ground up the little hill, at that time known as Schoolhouse hill across the West River. It was built soon after the first settlement of the town, and was probably the first public building erected in town.

Zelotes Skinner was teacher, and was supported by voluntary contribution. The town was divided into fourteen school districts, and each district had a board of directors to decide on the expense of the teaching and repairs, and to provide for the board of the teachers.

1862. The village school had seventy-two scholars, and was crowded in a room that would accommodate about fifty, so the scholars could not study. Soon after the school opened an effort was made to have it divided, but it was voted down. E. L. Waterman, Superintendent.

Jamaica School Districts in 1869

- District No. 1 River School, 20 families
No. 2 Village School, Grammar and Primary
No. 3 South Hill School, 22 families
No. 4 West Hill School, 20 families
No. 5 Dinsmore, N.E. School, 10 families
No. 6 Dunbar School, 12 families
No. 7 Gleason School, 8 families
No. 8 Sheldon School, 6 families
No. 9 Turkey Mountain School, 14 families
No. 10 Rawsonville School, 35 families
No. 11 Maynard Hollow School, 15 families
No. 12 West Jamaica School, 25 families
No. 13 Pikes Falls School, 12 families
No. 14 Pratts Bridge School, 7 families

1890. State school law for all towns to take over the school districts; District No. 10 Rawsonville objected very much against it, claiming that the building did not belong to the directors, but was owned by the people.

1893. Town paid to each school district \$36.55. Total \$402.05.

1895. State law that all towns supply books and appliances at expense of town.

1898. The River School was taught the first two terms by Miss Mary K. Cheney, and when the school was moved to the Dunbar District No. 6, Miss Cheney went with it. "This was a very good arrangement, for Miss Cheney is an exceedingly well qualified teacher." S. H. Taylor, Superintendent, Jamaica, February 13, 1899.

1900. Miss Edith M. Clark, age 17, was teacher at South Hill, District No. 3. This was her first school, and there were 16 pupils; taught 28 weeks, and no vacation, was paid \$5.00 per week and boarded herself, was then sent to Pikes Falls to finish a term; the building was in very poor condition, cold, the wind and snow blew in, and the 24 pupils and teacher crowded around the stove to try to keep warm, was paid \$6.00 per week and boarded herself. J. G. White, Charles Taynton, A. W. Kidder, Directors.

1914. Vital Statistics, A. W. Thomas, M.D. Medical Examiner.

1917. It was voted that pupils living one and one-half miles from school should have free transportation.

1918. Pikes Falls District No. 13 petitioned to have eleven pupils transferred from Maynard Hollow District No. 11 to Pikes Falls School. So voted. A. G. Wiggin, Superintendent.

1921. Reported by District Health Officer, C. S. Leach, M.D., five cases of measles and four cases of whooping cough.

1923. Paid \$470.06 for alterations, village school.

1927. Medical Examiner O. V. Hefflon, M.D.

1927. Dental Hygienist, provided by the Thompson Fund, Brattleboro, Vt.

1931. The Eugenics Survey of Vermont in its work called Jamaica "Sylvania" and gave the following items:

Population in 1930 as 563
Homes occupied in 1930 as 155
Summer homes in 1930 as 20
Houses vacant in 1930 as 57

Year Ending February 1	Superintendent	No. of Schools	Expense
1863	E. L. Waterman	12	\$ 909.48
1873	Directors	12	472.95
1880	O. G. Baker	11	1331.30
1892	Rev. S. L. Vincent		459.78
1894	Director, W. H. Taft		2200.09
1895	Rev. S. L. Vincent		2031.26
1896	D. Sherwin, Director	10	2877.44
1897	D. Sherwin, Director	11	2368.89
1898	C. B. Doane	9	1943.89
1899	S. H. Taylor	7	1698.75
1900	Aurora L. Taynton	7	2018.84
1901	N. W. Hankemyer	6	2176.31
1902	Mrs. H. F. McLean	7	2709.37
1903	Mrs. H. F. McLean	7	2506.18
1904	Mrs. H. F. McLean	7	2319.95
1905	Eva A. Wolcott	8	2792.72
1906	Mrs. Emma S. Brigham	12	2015.27
1907	Mrs. C. R. Bowman	7	2179.74
1908	Mrs. C. R. Bowman	5	2149.77
1909	Mrs. Mabel S. Robinson	7	2233.89
1910	Miss Edith M. Clark	7	1872.16
1911	Merle H. Willis	6	1894.40
1912	Merle H. Willis	6	2416.30

1913	Merle H. Willis	6	
1914	Merle H. Willis	6	3102.53
1915	Merle H. Willis		
	to June 30	6	2996.08
1916	Merle H. Willis		
	to Jan. 31, 1916		1696.70
1917	Clarence E. Michels	6	3062.46
1918	A. D. Wiggin	6	3576.27
1922	Frank R. Adams	6	5774.56
1923	Frank R. Adams	5	6195.35
1924	Directors	5	5632.35
1925	Directors	5	5670.48
1926	Directors	6	6150.73
1927	G. W. Powers		6272.29
1928	G. W. Powers		6289.65
1929	G. W. Powers		7993.60
1930	G. W. Powers	6	7926.38
1931	G. W. Powers	6	7552.40
1932	G. W. Powers	6	7850.98
1933	G. W. Powers	6	7998.21
1934	G. W. Powers	6	7710.63
1935	G. W. Powers	5	7133.56
1936	G. W. Powers	5	7535.17
1937	G. W. Powers	5	7644.85
1938	G. W. Powers	5	8096.23
1939	G. W. Powers	5	8842.73

The Flora Howard house was once the village school-house, and the entrance was on the end facing the church, and seated sixty scholars.

1879. Mr. Jerry Powers taught the grammar department in the village school.

Mrs. Phoebe Powers was in charge of the primary department.

1880-01-02. John Howard taught penmanship in the village school.

*Report of School District No. 7 Known as
Gleason District*

Jamaica January 10, 1812, notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the Seventh School District, that are qualified by law to vote in School District meetings, to meet at the school-house in said District on Thursday, the 16th of this instant January, at 4 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To see if the District will raise a sum of money for the support of a school the ensuing year.

3rd To see what method they will take for boarding the Master and Mistress, and to getting the wood.

Asa Baldwin, District Clerk.

January 16, 1812. Then met according to notice given.

1st. Chose Benjamin Gleason, Moderator.

2nd. Voted to raise \$30.00 for support of a school the ensuing year.

3rd. Voted to set up the boarding of the Master and Mistress at Public Vendue at the lowest bidder.

4th. Asa Sharp bid off the Master at \$.97 per week. Asa Sharp bid off the Mistress at \$.70 per week.

Voted to raise the wood by a tax, and have the wood at the school house, fit for the fire, by the 27th day of the instant month. Voted to raise 13 cords of wood. Alphas Kellogg bid \$.64 per cord. Voted to raise \$8.45 for wood.

Benjamin Gleason, Moderator.

January 26, 1816. Then met according to notice given, and was voted as follows, viz:

1st. Voted and chose Ichabod Higgins, Moderator.

2nd. Voted to raise 1500 feet of good spruce boards, and said boards to be brought to the schoolhouse, and stuck up in a good order, said boards are to be there by the first of month.

3rd. Voted to set up the boards at public vendue at the lowest bidder, three hundred feet at a time.

Samuel Wilder,	bid 300 feet at	9 ^s 6 ^d
Ephraim Higgins	“ “ “ “	10 ^s
Ichabod Higgins	“ “ “ “	10 ^s
Ephraim Wilder	“ “ “ “	9 ^s 11 ^d
Abraham White	“ “ “ “	\$1.66

Voted to raise 400 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ in. hemlock boards. Benjamin Gleason bid at \$12.99.

Voted to raise \$26.00 to finish the school house by the 15th of November next, in a good workmanlike manner.

Ichabod Higgins, Moderator.

November 9, 1816. Voted that David Warren should have the privilege of sending his scholars the ensuing year, by paying the same as though he lived in the District, and leave to the committee concerning Ebenezer Taylor's scholars.

November 28, 1817. Voted not to take any scholars this winter out of any other District.

January 18, 1818. Voted to have David Warren and Ebenezer Taylor annexed to the District, upon the condition they pay an equal share.

November 25, 1825. Voted to get wood as in last year, and to be set up at the lowest bidder. Bid in by Josiah Gleason, Jr. at \$.48 a cord.

Voted the Master should go round to board as is thought best.

September 15, 1828. Voted to raise \$40.00 to repair the schoolhouse, and buy a stove. Adjourn 3 weeks.

October 6, 1828. Met according to adjournment and voted to set up repairing the schoolhouse, and the lowest bidders were as follows :

Luis Bill bid 100 feet hemlock boards at \$.36
 Benjamin Baldwin bid 1000 feet spruce shingles at \$1.17
 Benjamin Wilder bid 4000 feet spruce shingles at \$1.25
 Selus Howard bid 1000 feet spruce shingles at \$1.25
 Solomon Higgins bid 15 lbs. nails at \$.09 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
 Cyros Gleason bid shingling the schoolhouse at \$6.84
 James Clark bid making the chimney at \$2.50
 Benjamin Baldwin bid 100 feet hemlock boards at \$.36

James Clark, Dist. Clerk.

September 28, 1837. Voted to have twenty weeks school and have a woman teacher. Squire Gleason, Moderator.

October 2, 1848. Voted to have twenty-four weeks school. Voted to raise \$30.00 for same. Voted to build a new schoolhouse 22 x 24 feet. Voted to raise \$90.00 for same. J. M. Farr, Moderator.

May 2, 1863. Voted to have six weeks school with Victoria J. Watson of Wardsboro teacher.

Voted to pay Alfred Howe \$1.02 per week for the board. J. C. Ramsdell, Moderator.

April 10, 1865. This district lost its organization for twelve years and had to call on the town to set it up again. S. Gleason, Moderator.

April 29, 1878. Notice to the legal voters of school district No. 7 are warned to meet at the schoolhouse on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 P.M. to act on the following articles :

1st. To choose a moderator.

2nd. To choose a clerk, treasurer, collector and one or more Prudential Committee.

3rd. To see if the district will vote to sustain a school therein for the ensuing year and if so for how many weeks.

4th. To see if the district will vote money to defray expenses.

5th. Any other business.

D. Sherwin	}	Selectmen
Wm. Hastings		of
M. C. Boynton		Jamaica

May 8, 1878. Voted to have eight weeks summer and twelve weeks winter school.

Voted to put board at \$1.25 for summer.

Voted to put board at \$1.50 and \$1.75 for fall and winter term per week. Lyman S. Carter, Moderator.

School District No. 11

First schoolhouse in this district was built of slabs on the rise of ground beyond the barn of Leonard White's camp, Maynard Hollow.

The second school building was just above where the present schoolhouse stands. This house was built in 1890.

School District No. 12 West Jamaica

Miss Jennie Day taught this school in 1892.

1894. Mrs. Agnes Wolcott taught the winter term.

Public and Select Schools

Jamaica, Vt.

Mrs. E. A. Kenyon, Teacher

Concert, Opera Hall

Wednesday Evening, November 14, 1886

Part I

Happy Greetings	Chorus
Drive Dull Care Away	Juvenile Class
Angels Watching	Ollie Shumway
Have You Seen My Doll?	Zippie Kellogg
Song	Grace Sherwin
Frogs in the Pond	Quartette
Song	Cora Johnson
Some Folks	Misses Ruby, Johnson, Frost and Wardwell

Part II

Wearing of the Green	Chorus
Character Song	Blanche Butler
Try, Keep Trying	Duet and Chorus
Slumber Sweetly	Clara Smith
Little Brown Church	Misses Barber and Wood
Kitty Pop-Corn	Ola Howe, Soloist
A Boy Is a Boy	Myrtle Kellogg, Soloist
Womans Rights	Ola Howe and Stephen Dutton
Character Song	Annie Wells
The Scholars Complaint	Addie Boynton
Vocal Medley	Miss Lou Wood, Organist

Commences at 7:30 Tickets 10 cents

Public Examinations

Friday, November 16, 1886

A.M.	P.M.
8:45 Morning Exercises	1:30 Physiology
9:00 Reading	2:15 Algebra
9:30 History	2:45 Analysis
10:15 Grammar	3:30 Geography
10:45 Arithmetic	4:00 Spelling, Reports, Compo-
11:15 Arithmetic Adv.	sitions, etc.

Exhibition

Friday Evening, November 16, 1886

Music

The First Echo

Wallace Reed

Play

No Cure, No Pay

Misses Barber, Wood, Sage, Ola Howe, May Howe, Johnson,
Kellogg

Music

Too Late for the Train

Annie Wells

Columbia's Union Party

Columbia, Uncle Sam, Bro. Jonathan, and all the states with
gifts and songs

Betty and the Bear

Hattie Wardwell

The Rival Poets

Hal Waterman and Eddy Ruby, Kate Ketchum, Mattie Sage

Play

A Drop Too Much

Misses Wells and Sage, Masters Dutton, Cutler, Sherwin, Ruby

A Bachelor's Sale

Minnie Day

Opera Hall. Commences at 7:30

Tickets, 10 cents

The Newton School, located at Hamilton Falls, is a preparatory school for boys, under the management of Mr. David Newton, a graduate of Princeton (1923), and Mrs. Newton (Vassar 1924).

Cost of Building Schoolhouses in 1894

District No. 14	\$ 85.46
District No. 11	329.48
District No. 3	261.78

The Parent-Teachers Association

Officers for 1939:

President, Alice Clark

Vice-President, Anita Aldrich

Secretary-Treasurer, Mildred Perry

The P. T. A. have paid for improvements in the schools:

1929	\$166.15	at Rawsonville, East Jamaica, and Village
1930	352.01	at Rawsonville, East Jamaica, and Village
1932	294.85	at Rawsonville, East Jamaica, and Village
1934	24.95	electric lights in the Village school
1935	25.00	electric lights in the River school
1936	} 56.65	electric lighting for the Village school
1937		
1938		
	47.85	for the Infantile Paralysis Fund

Also have given to the Red Cross. Have held three dental clinics, have entered nine children in tonsil clinics, and

ten were furnished glasses, to help bring the children up to normal as far as health was concerned.

Verses copied from a book presented to Miss Olive H. Clark by her pupils in 1835. This book has about sixty pages, cardboard covers bound with string and has many bow knots of hair and water-colored flowers, with hearts and seals.

To My Instructress

May you my friend be ever blest
With all the cares that you possess
May troubles never haunt your breast
Be thou my friend forever blest

By your scholar A. A. Rice
Age 9 years

To My Teacher

Adieu my dear friend
Adieu till we shall meet again
If we meet on earth no more
O may we meet on Canaan shore

Composed by your scholar C. E. S. Rice
Age 7 years

March 15, 1835

To Olive

Farewell dear friend a few short days
Have fled on lightsome wings away
But friendships pure and lasting rays
Shall not my love with time decay

Belvidere

JAMAICA

Town of Jamaica
Scale 30 Rods to the Inch



PLAN OF THE VILLAGE IN 1868.

CHAPTER IV

CHURCHES

The Baptist Church of Christ in Jamaica, Vt.

Was organized March 25, 1790.

Calvin Hayward, the first convert, was baptized in Turkey Mountain Brook by Elder Aaron Leland January 20, 1789.

At a meeting led by Elder Edgar Leland June 11, 1790, Isaiah Stone was chosen moderator, Calvin Hayward, First Deacon.

Meetings were held at Calvin Hayward's house every first Thursday in the month at 10 o'clock A.M.

Calvin Hayward, church clerk.

1791 was the first mention of preaching and on March 3 it was voted to raise nine pounds for the support of the gospel for the year and request Elder Stone to be our minister.

1796. The first settled minister was Elder Simeon Coombs.

1801. The church voted to continue Elder Simeon Coombs as their minister at \$150 per year.

November 3, 1803, he was reinstalled and remained until 1805.

1811. Rev. Simeon Coombs deeded two acres of land for a church building.

1817. Church built.

One of the stories told of Elder Coombs was that during a hard thunder shower he leaned out of his bedroom window and used this ritual at a wedding:

Under this window in stormy weather
I join a man and woman together,
Let none but Him who made the thunder
Ever put this man and wife asunder.

Elder Coombs, being the first settled minister, was entitled to the ministerial aid and it was so voted by the town, and when the Congregational Society asked for aid for Rev. John Stoddard, Rev. Coombs consented to divide the aid between them. "Glebe land" means "parish land."

Early members :

1801 Calvin Hayward
Caleb Hayward
Benjamin How
Betsy Vaile
William Taft
Isaac Hart

First church built 1817.

1822. The church voted henceforth and forever to have no fellowship with the principles of Freemasonry.

1833. The Baptist society was formed and reorganized with 160 subscribers. Soon a new parsonage was built, church pews were appraised and sold to the stockholders and the money used to remodel the church and build a belfrey with a bell, at a cost of \$1072.

The old parsonage burned and a new one was built in 1855 at a cost of \$814. Later this building was moved across the street.

1918. Baptist church voted to federate with the Congregational church, with Rev. L. H. Sprague as pastor.

Pastors

1796 Rev. Simeon Coombs	Rev. Chamberlain
1806 Rev. Choat	Rev. T. Blood
Rev. Shomway	Rev. Nathan Arms
Rev. Baker	Rev. Leland Huntly
Rev. Graves	Rev. Nathaniel Cud-
Rev. Bruier	worth
Rev. Robinson	



Photograph by Ruth C. Robinson.

JAMAICA SAVINGS BANK.



MAIN STREET, EAST.



BAPTIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, JAMAICA, VT.

BAPTIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

Rev. Timothy Spaulding	1870	Rev. Samuel W. White
Rev. Ziba Howard	1884	Rev. C. P. Frenyear
Rev. Rufus Smith	1886	Rev. Edwin Small
Rev. Mr. Kingsbury	1899	Rev. Tilden
Rev. Norman Clark		Rev. F. C. Wright
Rev. L. H. Wood		Rev. Safford
Rev. A. H. Stearns		Rev. Knobbs
1858 Rev. Robert Myers	1915	Rev. Mulhern
		Rev. Harry Gray

The Congregational Church, Jamaica, Vermont

July 8, 1790. The first baptism was under the leadership of Hezekiah Taylor of Newfane, Vt. 1135575

September 25, 1791. Reuben Wellman and seven others, five male and three female, met and organized the Congregational Church: Reuben Wellman, Mary Wellman, John Wellman, Sarah Wellman, Aaron Whitney, Marguerett Whitney, Mary Gage, Louney Blancher.

1792. Rev. Hutchinson baptized seven children and received six adults into the church, among them was Ezra Livermore.

September 16, 1792. Held the first church meeting. Reuben Wellman was moderator and Ezra Livermore, clerk.

November 4, 1794. Rev. John Stoddard was chosen first pastor, and asked for ministerial aid of the town. The town had previously voted this aid to Elder Coombs of the Baptist church; as being the first settled minister, Elder Coombs consented to divide and share this aid to the Congregational parish. This is sometimes called "Glebe land" or "Parish land," or "Ministerial land."

Congregational church built 1808.

September 20, 1836. Abijah and Justus Livermore sold land to the Congregational Society to be used for a parsonage and it was recorded March 9, 1837 by Joel Holton, Register, for the Trustees of the Congregational Society.

1903. The church was renovated (paint, paper, furnace, carpet and electric lights) at an expense of \$546.

1905. The Congregational Church Society paid to the town \$800 for the town's interest in the church hall. This money was a gift from an unknown friend said to have been Hon. H. H. Wheeler.

January 8, 1908. The First Congregational Church of Jamaica, Vermont, was incorporated with the following subscribers: John C. Robinson, J. A. Muzzy, C. C. Robinson, Lucy R. Kellogg, C. A. Aiken, Mrs. James A. Muzzy, and Mrs. S. J. Carver, all of Jamaica, Vermont.

March 9, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Waterman gave \$500 in memory of their mothers, Mrs. Bemis and Mrs. Waterman, who were formerly members of this church.

1932. Rededication, with Rev. B. E. Marsh, Pastor, assisted by Rev. William J. Ballou.

1934. Memorial window unveiled. Given in memory of James A. Muzzy by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Muzzy, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Allen, and Miss Eleanor Allen.

April 21, 1918. This church federated with Baptist Church, Rev. L. H. Sprague, Pastor.

Pastors

November 25, 1794 Rev.	1841 Rev. Abel Patten
John Stoddard	1848 Rev. Sumner Lincoln
1798 Rev. William Hall	1848 Rev. T. H. Rood
1799 Rev. James Tuffts	1851 Rev. Abijah Stowell
1800 Rev. Abesha Colton	1852 Rev. Calvin Selden
1806 Rev. Azel Washburn	Rev. Robert D. Miller
1813 Rev. Matthew Taylor	Rev. Nelson Barber
1815 Rev. Philip Spaulding	Rev. L. G. Chase
1829 Rev. James Kimball	Rev. W. C. Brown
1831 Rev. Samuel Kingsbury	Rev. Fiske
1833 Rev. Joseph Kingsbury	1872 Rev. Charles Burn-
1834 Rev. Charles W. Brown	ham
1836 Rev. Justin Parsons	1874 Rev. A. B. Emmons

1878 Rev. O. G. Baker	1902 Rev. A. E. Hartwell
1886 Rev. C. M. Winch	1905 Rev. J. E. Bowman
1886 Rev. J. F. Whitney	1906 Rev. T. C. Brewster
1889 Rev. W. S. Walker	1908 Rev. John S. LeFevre
1891 Rev. S. L. Vincent	1912 Rev. Robert J. Tray-
1894 Rev. Blacklock	nor
1896 Rev. A. J. Cameron	1913 Second call for Rev.
1899 Rev. S. H. Taylor	A. E. Hartwell
1899 Rev. N. W. Hanke-	1916 Mrs. Hartwell
myer	

DANIEL, OR THE CAPTIVITY

AND RESTORATION

Sacred Cantata, in Three Parts

AT

DRAMATIC HALL, JAMAICA

Wednesday & Thursday Evenings

October 25 & 26, 1881

Prof. H. W. Alexander, Director

Miss Abbie Skinner, Accompanist

Personations

Queen	Mrs. J. A. Butler
Sister of Azariah	Mrs. F. D. Read
Azariah	Prof. M. L. Boynton
Daniel	J. A. Butler
King	Prof. H. W. Alexander
Herald	Prof. M. L. Boynton
2d President	F. D. Read
3d President	G. W. Holton
	Fred Ballard
Princes {	George Howard
	Arthur Shumway

Admission 25 cents, Children under 12, 15 cents

Doors open at 7, Curtain rises at 7:45

GRAND MUSICAL AND LITERARY
ENTERTAINMENT!!!

OPERA HALL, JAMAICA, VT.

Thursday Eve, Aug. 10, '82

By the Young Ladies of the Congregational Church,

assisted by

PROF. H. W. ALEXANDER

and the

CHOIR OF ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Of Brattleboro, consisting of Eight Male Voices

Proceeds to go towards Subscription for Repairs of
the Congregational Church

Grand Time Expected. Come One, Come All

Entertainment commences at 8 o'clock

Admission, 25 cts.

Children under 12 years, 15 cts.

CANTATA
BIRTH OF CHRIST

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1883
AT OPERA HALL, JAMAICA, VT.

Characters

Santa Claus	E. L. Waterman
Frost King	M. L. Boynton
Guardian Angel	Mrs. J. B. Muzzy
1st Angel	Miss May L. Waterman
2nd Angel	Miss Emma Skinner
Faith	Miss Mattie Sage
Hope	Miss Della Sage
Charity	Miss Minnie Stockwell
Goddess of Dreams	Miss Myrtie Kellogg
Goddess of Love	Miss Hattie Felton
Sophia	Miss Gracie Sherwin
Flower Girl	Miss Hattie Wardwell
Shepherds	Messrs. Boynton, Butler, Taft & Howard

Admission 15c. Children under 12 years of age, free

Doors open at 6:30, Curtain rises at 7:30

Bring this programme with you

The Federated Church, Jamaica, Vermont

April 21, 1918. The Congregational church and the Baptist church voted to federate and called Rev. L. H. Sprague to serve as pastor. After serving five years he resigned May 1, 1923.

Rev. Walter W. Vey was called and served until he resigned September 27, 1927.

Rev. Carl D. Lane was called and served until 1932.

Rev. Burton E. Marsh was called February, 1932, and served until January 26, 1936.

Rev. Allison M. Watts was called April 12, 1936, and is the present pastor.

Merton Perry, organist and director of the choir for many years.

SACRED CONCERT

Men's Musicale

THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST CHORD

Jamaica Federated Church

Rev. Burton E. Marsh, Pastor

August 27, 1933, at 7:30 P.M.

Program

Fling Wide the Gates: OrganStainer's Crucifixion
(Adapted by the Organist)

Advantino in D Flat: ViolinLemare

Reading after each number

I Was Wandering, Sad and Weary: Male Quartet

Serenade: ViolinWidor

Holy City: BaritoneAdams

Londonderry Air: Violin

My Hope Is in the Everlasting ...The Daughter of Jairus

TenorStainer

Gloria Twelfth Mass, Offertoire: OrganMozart

Hark, Hark My SoulShelley

Duet, Tenor and Baritone with Violin Obbligato

Cavatina: ViolinRaff

The Lost Chord: BassSullivan

Softly and Tenderly: Quartet

Priests' March: ViolinMendelssohn

Now the Day Is Over: Male Quartet

Postlude: The Lost Chord again: Organ

Soloists

E. O. Allen, Baritone

Rev. M. E. Barter, Bass

Burton Marsh, Jr., Tenor

Harold Henderson, Violin

J. K. Wolcott, Organist and Director

Admit bearer and friends

Seventh Day Advent Church

Organized October 29, 1862, at Pikes Falls, Jamaica, Vt. by Elder A. S. Hutchinson and Elder D. T. Bourdeau, with the following charter members :

Henry K. Pike	Rosina Wilder
Sarah C. Pike	Jared Wilder
Calvin N. Pike	David Wilder
Emeline R. Pike	Catharine Bourn
James Wilder	

Sabbath school organized February 25, 1865.

Church built 1868, on road 21.

First settled pastor Elder Nahum Orcutt, 1884.

Church school in 1885.

The Universalist Church

They were never organized.

Built a meetinghouse in 1851. Rev. Mr. Wilcox, pastor, followed by Mr. Perkins.

This church building was bought by the Dramatic Club in 1880 and presented to the town February 21, 1921, and is used as the Town Hall.

Millerism

In the fall of the year 1842 a preacher by the name of Chandler came to Jamaica and wished to lecture on "The Second Coming of Christ" as declared by Miller. He proposed to show from the prophecies that the end of the world would come on a certain month of 1843, and being a good speaker and able reasoner, many accepted his views and caused great excitement. Other preachers of the same faith soon arrived and this excitement lasted during the next summer and fall.

Farmers neglected their work and said that the world would end before harvest and crops were let go to waste.

Meetings were held almost continually, until people were exhausted from want of sleep. A company gathered at Mr. Young's house. The house was crowded day after day, until the civil authority requested that they stop the meetings for a time so as to get some rest and sleep, but they kept right on going. A few days after this Mrs. Young died from overexcitement, Mrs. Stocker became insane and committed suicide, and many others seemed to have lost their reason for a time. Property was wasted, families neglected, and churches rent in pieces. Many made white robes and went up on The Pinnacle, the highest point in the township, and waited for the end. Many acknowledged their mistake and the excitement abated.

From Hemenway's Gazetteer, 1868

CHAPTER V

POST OFFICE

The post office was established January 25, 1819, with Philip Ripley, postmaster. Before this date Jamaica was upon the post road from Brattleboro to Manchester, and the mail was carried once a week, either on horseback or a gig. Later a mail coach made three trips a week, and the mail was distributed from the store and given to anyone to deliver to whom it belonged by anyone passing through the village.

One story, told by Mrs. Simeon Day, whose mother was a Livermore and one of the early settlers, says that in the store was an upright log about six feet tall, mounted on a base with a wooden peg at the top and bottom in the center, so that the log could be turned around, and narrow strips of leather nailed to it so as to make loops, then the letters and papers could be slipped under these loops and the address could be read without handling.

This reminds one of the story of the postmaster at Fort Dearborn, called at that time by some as "Chicago." Mr. Hogan the newly appointed postmaster thought he would put in some private boxes for some of his patrons who were receiving quite a lot of mail, so he took some old boots and nailed them to the wall with the names under the protruding bootleg, where he could put the papers and letters. From "Old Post Bags," by Alvin F. Harlow, 1928.

Mail stage route from Jamaica for Rawsonville, Bondville, Winhall three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Returning arrives at Jamaica, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Mail carrier Frank Davis, 1884. Two-horse stage. Fare to Rawsonville, 50 cents. Fare to Bondville, 60 cents. Fare to Manchester, \$1.40.

1875. The post office was then in the store on Main Street by the side of the hotel, and then in a small building in the hotel yard, which was later moved across the street and made the ell of the building now used as a dwelling and the town clerk's office (1939).

John C. Robinson was appointed postmaster March 27, 1877, and the office was in the building occupied by the West River National Bank, now owned and occupied by the Jamaica Memorial Library (1939).

Willard Shepard was appointed August 13, 1885, under the Cleveland administration. The office was then in a small building just east of what is now the present post office. This small building was later moved down on Water Street opposite the Sanders house.

George W. Holton was appointed February 23, 1888, and the office was in the building owned and used by Dr. Joel Holton, corner Main and Factory Streets.

Chloe J. Holton was appointed May 26, 1896, the office in the same place. Chloe J. Eddy was reappointed September 29, 1898, office in same place. Harlan P. Boynton was appointed June 19, 1912, with the office in his house. Mabel Boynton, assistant postmaster. Miss Mary Robinson, clerk.

This is a fourth-class office and has 76 mail boxes and 31 rural boxes.

The rural route was established September 2, 1924, and serves Pikes Falls and returns through Rawsonville. Three trips a week: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Ralph H. Wheeler, carrier; Clarence W. Pierce, assistant.

Rates of Postage, 1841

On a single letter composed of one piece of paper, 1½ oz.	
For any distance not exceeding 30 miles, \$.06	
Over 30 miles and not exceeding 80 miles, \$.10	
Over 80 miles and not exceeding 150 miles, .12½	
Over 150 miles and not exceeding 400 miles, .18¾	
Over 400 miles	.25

Rates 1848

Letters ½ oz. 300 miles or less	\$.05
Over 300 miles	.10

Rates 1880

Letters ½ oz.	\$.03
Registered, additional	.10

Special Air Mail Service May 15 to 21, 1938. Jamaica post office cancelled 110 air mail stamps during this period.



Reduced Copy of Air-mail Cachet.

Jamaica, Windham County, Vermont

Postmaster	Date Appointed
Philip Ripley	January 25, 1819 (Established)
Samuel Ripley	August 17, 1820
John I. Sumner	July 29, 1822
Benjamin Felton	April 3, 1828
Samuel T. R. Cheney	April 3, 1833
Benjamin Felton	April 29, 1835
Lyman Merrifield	March 11, 1837
John Williams	December 8, 1847

Charles H. Pierce	October 20, 1855
Henry A. Butler	March 29, 1865
Hiram E. Sawyer	March 26, 1867
James C. Daggett	May 13, 1869
John C. Robinson	March 27, 1877
Willard Shepard	August 13, 1885
George W. Holton	February 23, 1888
Chloe J. Holton	May 25, 1896
Chloe J. Eddy	September 29, 1898
Harlan P. Boynton	June 19, 1912

CHAPTER VI

HOTEL, INN, TAVERN

1793. The first tavern keeper was John Williams on road 30 near what is now East Jamaica, where there was a "Training Ground," "Sign Post," and stocks for the punishment of wrongdoers.

The first house used as a hotel was built by Roger How in 1803 or 1804 at the corner of Water and North Streets. Mr. How's sign was a board nailed to a tree with this reading painted on it:

"Pay today and Trust tomorrow."

This house was occupied by Mr. How. It has been repaired and enlarged several times and was used as a dwelling house by William Sanders and is now used as a summer home by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gray.

The hotel, corner of Main and Mechanic Streets, was built in 1814 by Nathaniel Cheney and sold by him to Samuel Hastley who sold to Moses Chamberlain. He sold to Ezra Wilder and in 1840 it was occupied by S. Newell, later by Horace Howe, J. S. Knowlton, who sold in 1867 to S. E. Rawson, then to O. F. Knowlton, H. E. Sawyer (1868), E. R. Prior, William Barns (1880), Henry A. and Frank B. McLean (1883), H. A. Stockwell (1884), Mr. Taylor, William F. Gleason (1891), W. B. Clark (1910), C. C. Allen (1913), B. G. Wilder (1914), Estate of B. S. Wilder (1929). This property is no longer used as a hotel, and the hotel barn across the street has been torn down.

The White Swan Inn, Main Street, is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bartlet. The grounds in the rear of the buildings are very attractive, and there is a

fine view across the valley showing Ball Mountain in the North.

Mrs. Wealthy Clough, Main Street. Tourists accommodated.

Frank A. Chase, Main Street. Cabins, overnight camp.

SOCIAL BALL

AT

H. E. SAWYER'S HALL

Jamaica, Vermont

Wednesday Evening, February 19th, 1868

Come All, Both Great and Small

Your company with Ladies is cordially solicited

Floor Managers

J. A. Butler

M. F. Howard

Wm. J. Howe

Music—Burnett's Band

Tickets, \$2.50—Horsekeeping included

WEST RIVER BANK.

700 DOLLARS. — OCTOBER 21 JAMAICA, VT. Nov 21 1863

Pay to *Wm. Bond* or *Bond* *order*

Seventy hundred Dollars $\frac{00}{100}$

Richard Bond

To the Cashier.

FIRST STYLE OF CHECK, WEST RIVER BANK.

376 + Nov 24

West River Bank

Jamaica. Nov 28th 1863

(TAMMONGA)

Pay to the order of *Richard Bond*

Seventy seven Dollars

Payable at the
West River Bank
Nov 28th 1863
J. E. Bond

SECOND STYLE OF CHECK, WEST RIVER BANK.

CHAPTER VII

BANKS

Jamaica, Vt., has had three banks: first (1854), The West River Bank; second (1865), The West River National Bank; third (1872), The Jamaica Savings Bank. The last was merged May, 1935, with the Vermont Savings Bank of Brattleboro, Vt., and is known as the Jamaica Branch.

West River Bank

This bank was incorporated and granted a charter by the state of Vermont in 1853. The first meeting of the stockholders was held March, 1854, and the following officers were elected:

Hon. James H. Phelps, of Townshend, President

Hon. John E. Butler, of Jamaica, Vice-President

Capital Stock 2000 Shares. Par Value \$50.00 per share.

The first bills were circulated July 20, 1854, and were of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50 dollars.

Description of Bills

\$1. One cupid rolling silver dollar. Dated 1854. Justice and Minerva at left.

\$2. Two cupids, each with silver dollar, woman with churn at right.

\$3. Three cupids, each with silver dollar, state seal at right.

\$5. Five cupids, each with silver dollar, Indian and sailor at right.

\$10. Medallion of Washington in center.

\$20. Commerce with ship and lighthouse.

\$50. Liberty with eagle and flag in center, Jackson at right.

All have an overprint in red value except the \$10 bill.

Extract from a letter dated March 13, 1865: “. . . I received your letter and the money safe, I carried it to the

Bank, and they gave me Jamaica money for it, it helped me very much to pay my tax. . . . I payed my tax town meeting day, it was \$11.52 and .23 cents insurance \$11.75, a good pile of money for a poor man.

“Silas P. Wellman”

Stockholders of the West River Bank living in Jamaica, when it was reorganized as the West River National Bank:

	Shares
Albee, Sumner	20
Allen, Mrs. C. P.	2
Barnes, H. P.	40
Bobbrook, E. H.	10
Brittan, Mrs. C. A.	4
Boffens, Loring	25
Butler, Mrs. R. B.	22
Butler, John A.	44
Butler, John E.	9
Derby, P.	20
Gleason, Squire	10
Hastings, Wm.	14
Higgins, Joseph	10
Howard, Willard	4
Knowlton, Benj.	2
Merrifield, L. B.	20
Muzzy, Benj.	20
Muzzy, James	2
Muzzy, Phila H.	20
Parsons, John	30
Pierce, Abijah	10
Ramsdell, L. B.	10
Reed, Chas. D.	20
Richardson, C. F.	10
Robinson, John P.	10
Townsend, Lewis	1
Twitchell, Appleton	6

United States Internal Revenue

No. 1756 License in force from July 1, 1864
Expires May 1, 1865.

To all whom it may concern.

This License is granted to the West River Bank of the Town of Jamaica in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, to carry on the business or occupation of Bankers, in the aforementioned place, they having paid the tax of One Hundred Sixty Six $67/100$ Dollars therefor conformably to the provisions of an Act, entitled, "An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government, and to pay interest on the public debt," approved July 1, 1862, and the amendments and supplements thereto. This License to be in force until the first day of May 1865, provided the holder thereof shall conform to the requirements of said Act, and of such other Act or Acts as are now or may hereafter be in this behalf enacted. Given under my hand and seal at St. Johnsbury this first day of July A. D. 1864.

Geo. A. Merrill,

Collector of the 2nd
District in the State of Vt.

The West River National Bank

In August, 1865, "The *West River Bank*" was reorganized as the *West River National Bank*, with a charter for twenty years.

The officers were as follows: President, The Hon. William Harris, of Windham; Cashier, The Hon. John E. Butler, of Jamaica. John E. Butler served as cashier until his death in 1867, then his son, John A. Butler, was elected to serve as cashier.

The Capital Stock was \$100,000. March 22, 1876, stock reduced to \$75,000. June 24, 1882, stock reduced to \$60,000.

In August, 1885, the charter expired and the bank liquidated.

September 16, 1885, a stock dividend was declared for 75 per cent; November 2, 1885, dividend for 20 per cent; November 14, 1885, final dividend for 5 per cent. Bank closed.

West River National Bank

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, September 21, 1865.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the West River National Bank of Jamaica, in the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham, and State of Vermont, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof Approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking under said Act."

Now, therefore, I, Freeman Clark, Comptroller of Currency, do hereby certify that: The West River National Bank of Jamaica, in the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham, and State of Vermont, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid. In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-first day of September, 1865.

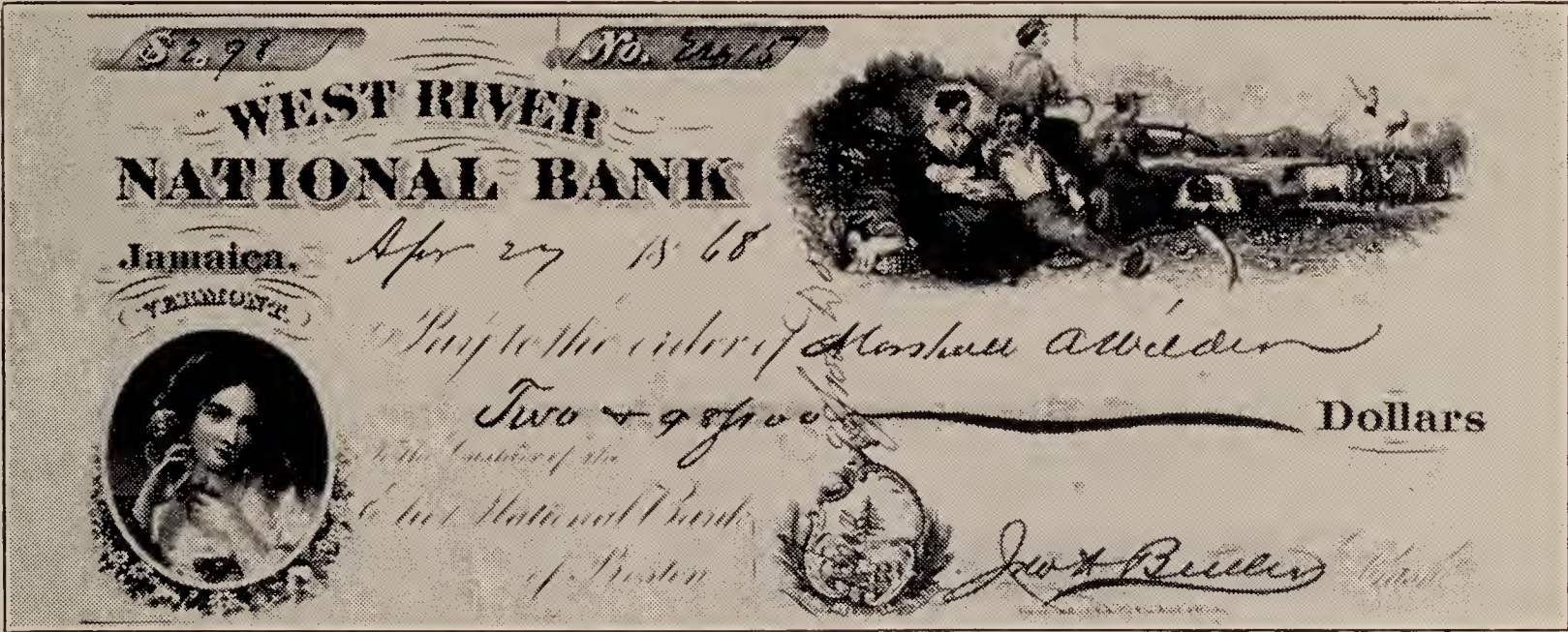
FREEMAN CLARK, Comptroller.

No. 1564.

(Seal of the
Comptroller of the
Currency.)



REDUCED COPY OF \$10, WEST RIVER BANK BILL.



BANK CHECK OF WEST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.

No. 102192

Certificate of Burning

Duplicate

Treasury Department

Office of Comptroller of the Currency,
Redemption Division

Washington, October 26, 1874

We the undersigned, specially appointed for the purpose, do hereby certify that the following-described “Mutilated Notes” of the “West River National Bank” of Jamaica, Vt., were totally destroyed, by burning, this day, in our presence, under the provisions of Section 24 of the Act:

No. of Notes	Denominations		Amount	Total
160	\$5.	Notes	\$800.00	
50	\$10.	Notes	500.00	
5	\$20.	Notes	100.00	
				\$1400.

I. Thornton, for Secretary of the Treasury
S. S. Gregory, for Treasurer of the United States
J. F. Potter, for the Comptroller of the Currency
A. S. Pratt and Son, for the Bank, P. & S.

The Jamaica Savings Bank

A SKETCH ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

By Eleazer L. Waterman

December 27, 1922

Although the early days of the Jamaica Savings Bank have been mentioned by us, and some incidents referred to, it has seemed best by some that a brief statement of

its origin should be put in writing on this fiftieth anniversary to be kept for future reference.

In the year 1872 the Rev. Charles Burnham was pastor of the Congregational Church at Jamaica. He had come from a town in New Hampshire in which a Savings Bank was located, and he was very enthusiastic on the subject of establishing a Savings Bank in any town where there seemed to be a fair prospect of its success. He believed such a bank would succeed here and conferred with some of the citizens, and explained to them the benefits to the community of a savings bank, referring to the results in the town from which he had come. The Baptist minister, Rev. C. P. Frenyear took the same view and in due time many of our business men, and people generally were in favor of taking the necessary steps to have a Savings Bank established here.

I was asked to draft a bill for a charter which I did, and it was placed in the hands of our town representative that year, Mr. Charles S. Clark, and was introduced in the October Session in 1872 of the House of Representatives, went through the usual steps and passed in November 1872, as an "Act to Incorporate the Jamaica Savings Bank." A copy of the original bill, evidently made at the time, is attached to the record book of the bank, previous to any records in the book. The incorporators' names in the Act of Incorporation were Benjamin Muzzy, Charles Burnham, C. P. Frenyear, H. H. Wheeler, H. H. Felton, E. L. Waterman, William Harris, Jr., M. F. Ballou, Francis Kidder, L. M. Newell, A. P. Graham, David Arnold, Perkins N. Wiley and W. H. H. Holton. By the Act of Incorporation E. L. Waterman was authorized to call the first meeting of the incorporation. The Act was approved November 21, 1872.

The first meeting of incorporators was held at the office of E. L. Waterman in Jamaica January 8, 1873, for organization of the corporation.

Chose, M. F. Ballou Moderator, E. L. Waterman Clerk, pro tem, chose 16 new corporators; C. B. Williams, Oscar R. Garfield, Henry P. Chase, B. A. Park, A. C. Howard, E. A. Plimpton, Henry N. Fitts, John Parsons, John C. Robinson, William Hastings, David E. Robbins, Dexter Batchelder, Abijah Muzzy, O. C. Fitts, A. M. Butler, and Lewis P. Wait. Voted to adopt the charter granted by the Legislature. Chose, William Harris, Jr., President, E. L. Waterman, Vice-President, John C. Robinson, Secretary. Elected 10 Trustees; Benjamin Muzzy, M. F. Ballou, A. M. Butler, B. A. Park, A. P. Graham, O. C. Fitts, William H. H. Holton, L. P. Wait, Charles Burnham, and C. P. Frenyear. Chose, E. L. Waterman, C. P. Frenyear and Charles Burnham a Committee to draft By-Laws, and at a meeting held January 14, 1873, the By-Laws drawn by them were presented and adopted. John C. Robinson was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Thus the bank was duly organized. As it had no place for doing business or holding meetings the meetings continued to be held at the office of E. L. Waterman for some time.

The annual meeting in 1877 was called to be held in the office of the Treasurer, which was a small building west of the Sherwin store now occupied by Mrs. Eliza Jacobs, and for some time occupied by Mr. Robinson for a Post Office while he was Post Master. The business of the Savings Bank was carried on at that place until it acquired its present banking building. In 1885 the West River National Bank the owner of the building having wound up its affairs, sold the building to the Jamaica Savings Bank. It is a good building, well adapted to the purposes of a bank, built for that use, with one of the best vaults in this section, and now the Savings Bank has equipped it with modern vault doors of the best quality and workmanship, and safe deposit boxes and a fine time lock, it seems well fitted to protect the funds and papers

and documents of the depositors and patrons of the bank, probably no stronger, safer vault is to be found in this part of the State.

Previous to this the bank had been growing slowly but steadily. From very small beginnings it had reached a respectable size for a country bank started in a small town: Jennie L. Burnham, J. N. Burnham, and J. L. Burnham, children of Rev. Mr. Burnham, were the first depositors in the bank, depositing \$2, \$4, and \$4 respectively. The deposits increased in size and number, and after the habit had become fixed it was surprising to see the number of and amounts coming in from the hills and valleys, not only of this, but from other towns.

Those interested in the bank had never anticipated a sudden or large growth. In fact it went beyond their expectations even early in its history. Their hope was that it might furnish first a place of deposit for the small savings of the people, and second, a convenient place for the accommodation of such as desired to borrow money. It was found before long that it was adapted to both purposes. After the deposits had grown sufficiently in size and numbers it was found to be a satisfactory place for farmers, cattle dealers and business men to procure money for their purposes, and this was not confined to Jamaica patrons; it was patronized by people from the adjoining towns.

At the annual meeting then held March 5, 1879, after Mr. Harris had declined re-election, E. L. Waterman was elected President and Oscar R. Garfield, Vice-President.

December 31, 1890, the name of J. A. Muzzy appeared as one of the Trustees for the first time. December 30, 1891, some further changes were made in the officers, and the following were elected Trustees: O. R. Garfield, William Hastings, D. E. Robbins, Lewis Phelps, L. M. Newell, C. W. Sprague, Josiah Pierce, E. S. Morse, J. W. Taft, J. A. Muzzy, and J. Q. Shumway.

December 28, 1892, J. W. Melendy was elected a Trustee. At the annual meeting December 27, 1893, a letter was received and placed on record from President E. L. Waterman declining re-election, he having removed from town. Hon. O. R. Garfield was then elected President and James A. Muzzy, Vice-President. December 25, 1901, Hon. O. R. Garfield declined a re-election and James A. Muzzy was elected President and J. Q. Shumway, Vice-President.

At the annual meeting December 27, 1905, Mr. Shumway having deceased, J. Washburn Melendy was elected Vice-President and continued to hold that office until his decease. December 29, 1915, after Mr. Melendy's decease, George W. Briggs was elected Vice-President and still holds that office.

At the annual meeting December 25, 1912, Mr. John C. Robinson having deceased, his son John S. Robinson was elected Secretary and Treasurer and still holds that office.

At the annual meeting December 28, 1921, the following were the Board of Trustees: J. A. Muzzy, H. A. Dudley, A. E. Cudworth, F. B. Pier, N. H. Lawrence, E. L. Waterman, H. H. Forrester, A. W. Thomas, G. W. Briggs, and J. S. Robinson. This has since been changed by the death of Judge Pier and the removal of Dr. Thomas from the State.

The foregoing is a brief outline of the history of the bank for its first fifty years. It would be interesting to you all if it contained even briefly a statement showing the figures of its growth from its origin until the present time. I have been much interested in studying these records and figures. They show an almost unbroken record of gains and prosperity. No losses of importance have ever been suffered. The expenses have been light and a good percentage of profit has been saved for the depositors. I believe the officers have, one and all, done their best to so manage the affairs of the bank as to yield the most bene-

fit to those interested. Great economy has been practiced. Whenever money has been sent out of the State for investment, care has been taken to do the business through trustworthy agents. Mortgages in this vicinity have been taken upon examination and recommendation by the Trustees. The bank has always been willing to accommodate all borrowers in this vicinity offering good security, and done much of what may be considered as commercial business for the accommodation of the people. In fact it has become such a convenience that the community could not well spare it: in many respects it may be considered a necessity for the people, and they seem to appreciate it.

It seems appropriate here, in noting the growth of the bank, to mention one official who was an important factor in its progress: and in doing so, no slight is intended for the many others, who during the fifty years have passed away, or for any who survive, but simply as a well earned tribute to hard and faithful service; and that officer is John C. Robinson, Treasurer from the beginning and as long as he lived. He died September 21, 1912. While others had official relations with it from time to time, he was there constantly, meeting those having business there, keeping the books, looking after the investments and keeping in touch with all the bank's interests. Upon him more than any other man, rested the responsibility. His work was done quietly, carefully and thoroughly. His life was devoted to it, his high personal character was an element of strength in his work, he had the full confidence of all the people. Safety was his motto, and he sought to build up a sound substantial bank.

It may be of interest to know that when Mr. J. A. Muzzy came in as a corporator the deposits were \$167,000; when he was elected President, \$195,000 and at the present time \$610,000.

The bank is congratulated on this Fiftieth Anniversary as being in the strongest financial standing during its

history and in excellent condition for business in the future.

Past Presidents of the Jamaica Savings Bank:

William Harris, Jr.	1873
E. L. Waterman	1882
O. R. Garfield	1893
J. A. Muzzy	1901
A. E. Cudworth	1930
E. O. Allen	1933

This bank has had only two Treasurers, John C. Robinson, and his son John S. Robinson.

This bank was successfully operated for sixty-two years, by local management. The last president, Mr. E. O. Allen, is one of the directors of the Vermont Savings Bank of Brattleboro, and the Jamaica Savings Bank is now known as the Jamaica Branch of the Vermont Savings Bank, with John S. Robinson, Manager, Miss Mary Robinson, Assistant Manager.

CHAPTER VIII

RAILROAD

As early as 1843 when a charter was granted to the Champlain and Connecticut River Railroad Company, Jamaica talked of a railroad in the West River valley to run from Brattleboro up the valley to Jamaica and beyond, and a half mile tunnel through Weston mountain was planned. Nothing more was done until 1851 when a charter was granted to the Wantastiquet Railroad Company to run up the West River valley through Londonderry and beyond. No action was taken by the company.

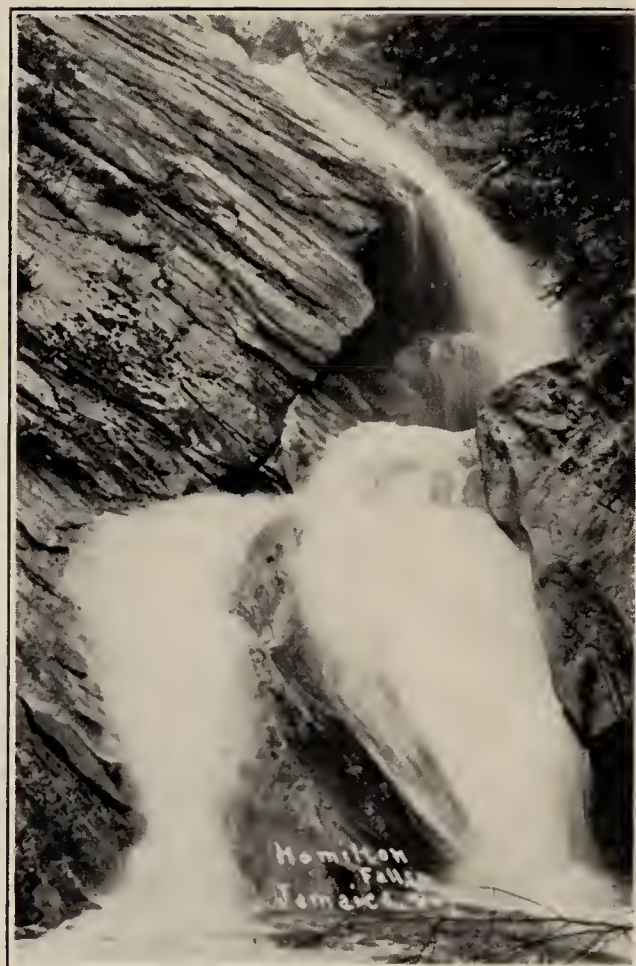
At this time all over the country railroads were being talked about and every town wanted railroad connection.

Jamaica was like other towns, and in 1867 the state legislature granted a charter to the West River Railroad Company to build a line from Brattleboro to Jamaica, the bill for the charter being drawn and introduced by Hon. H. H. Wheeler of Jamaica. This charter called for a standard-gauge road.

In 1868 Jamaica, Townshend, and Newfane voted to bond themselves eight times their grand lists, and a survey was made by Julius Fenn, but owing to the high cost and lack of funds nothing more was done.

In 1873 Robert L. Harris made a survey for a route from Brattleboro to Jamaica, and, as the narrow-gauge was in favor, it was decided to use a gauge of 36 inches instead of 56 inches.

In 1876 an amendment to the charter was granted, changing the name to The Brattleboro and Whitehall Railroad Company and extending the line through Londonderry, Winhall, Landgrove, and Peru to Whitehall, N. Y.



HAMILTON FALLS
NEWTON SCHOOL GROUNDS.



RAILROAD CUT AND FRENCH BRIDGE.

February 1, 1877, at Brattleboro a board of directors was elected for the Brattleboro and Whitehall Railroad Company. Later at Fayetteville the board was organized with the following officers: President, C. F. Thompson; Clerk, John A. Butler; Executive Committee, F. Goodhue and J. L. Martin.

In 1877 Brattleboro and Londonderry voted to bond themselves. The shares were \$100 each and the capital stock was \$200,000.

1877. Towns bonded as follows:

Brattleboro	\$50,000
Newfane	25,000
Townshend	37,000
Jamaica	32,800
Londonderry	23,000
	<hr/>
	\$167,800

The balance of the \$200,000 was raised by subscription and the rest of the amount estimated to build the road was met by a bond issue.

1878. A complete survey was made, and on October 26 a contract was let to Harris Bros. & Co. for a three-foot-gauge road.

November 11, 1878. Ground was broken at Jamaica and Newfane, with a band, speaking, bells ringing, and a regular holiday with much excitement.

In 1879 the Central Vermont Railroad leased the line.

October 20, 1880. The last rail was laid to South Londonderry.

November 4, 1880. The first passenger train from Brattleboro to South Londonderry carried the officials of the Brattleboro and Whitehall Railroad Company and the Central Vermont Railroad Company.

November 18, 1880. The first regular train, South Lon-

donderry to Brattleboro, on the narrow-gauge road of the Brattleboro and Whitehall Division of the Central Vermont Railroad Company.

1905. The Central Vermont Railroad Company took over the road and organized the West River Railroad Company.

July 30, 1905, Sunday. The track was made a broad-gauge standard railroad of 56½ inches.

M. L. Boynton was depot master and express agent. He was succeeded by his son, H. P. Boynton.

The flood of 1927 put the road out of commission, and in 1929 the Central Vermont turned the road back. The state loaned \$200,000 and in the summer of 1930 the road was rebuilt and was run by a local directorate but could not make a go of it.

1933. James G. Ashley leased the road for twenty-five years but failed to make a success of it.

1936. The state foreclosed the loan and began tearing up the rails, except the six miles from Brattleboro to West Dummerston, which was to be used by the quarry.

The state salvaged about \$30,000. Cost of the road was about \$408,000.

Receipts from November 20, 1880, to January 1, 1882:

From passengers	\$15,041.97
From freight	15,919.78
From express	579.41
From mail	2,251.14
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	\$33,792.30

After fifty-six years of service—good, bad, and indifferent—and no profits to its stockholders, the railroad at last had to give up and be replaced by the modern motor trucks and busses, which now serve the town in a very satisfactory manner.

Thirty-six miles of beautiful scenery along the West River; now we do not hear the echo of the engine whistle which was a welcome and pleasant sound.

Many stories about the narrow-gauge service, its equipment, wood burning, delays, accidents, and accommodations.

1939. The six miles of road from Brattleboro to West Dummerston was sold by the state for \$6,000 and was torn up during the summer of 1939. Work was started June 16, 1939.

CHAPTER IX

MILITARY HISTORY

Revolutionary War

Beriah Wheeler served as a captain at the battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777.

War of 1812

The first quota called from Jamaica, Vt., was for one sergeant and six men. When a request was made for volunteers Nathaniel Vail promptly stepped forward and enlisted. He paraded around the common and asked others to join him. William Davidson stood by his side and was followed by Sylvester Hiscock, Zatha Daniels, Abram Gage, Timothy Bolton, and Alvin C. Green. Nathaniel Vail served as sergeant.

Civil War, 1861-65

First to enlist were Dennis Chase and Frederick B. Felton, May 1, 1861.

Jamaica, Vt., furnished 160 men.

Officers from Jamaica

Amidon, George H.	Captain, 4th Regiment, Company I
Ball, David	Captain, 16th Regiment, Company D
Dale, John J.	1st Lieutenant, 17th Regiment, Company F
Holton, Wm. H. H.	2nd Lieutenant, 8th Regiment, Company H
Howard, Squire	Captain, 8th Regiment, Company C
Stearns, Leonard A.	Captain, 4th Regiment, Company I
Taylor, Horatio F.	Captain, 2d Regiment, Company F

December 5, 1863. Jamaica voted bounty on volunteers, \$7 per month or \$100 at the mustering in of the volunteers. The \$7 to be paid in the same manner as the state pays the same amount. Luke Howard, Town Clerk.

March 5, 1864. Voted to give a bounty of \$500 to each volunteer to fill last quota called by the President; \$300 carried. Moved that the \$500 include the \$100 and the \$7 per month voted at the previous meeting of November 19, 1863. Luke Howard, Town Clerk.

Town support of the war, 1861-65, \$44,194.92.

During enlistment Dr. Joel Holton played the snare drum and Zelotus Skinner and Edmond Skinner played their fifes. A large U. S. flag was strung upon a rope from the Muzzy store to the Holton house. Nearly all were loyal to the northern cause. News came by stage-coach and the post office was the center of excited crowds and the New York papers were in demand.

Volunteers for three years

Abbott, Abial S.	2d U. S. S., Company E
Allard, Albert	9th Regiment, Company K
Allen, Henry H.	11th Regiment, Company G
Allen, Phineas	11th Regiment, Company G
Amidon, George H.	4th Regiment, Company I
Axtel, Lorin	9th Regiment, Company H
Bailey, Otis	4th Regiment, Company I
Bailey, Thomas	4th Regiment, Company I
Barnes, Charles	16th Regiment, Company D
Bond, Henry A.	11th Regiment, Company G
Boynton, Myron L.	8th Regiment, Company H
Brunhall, Fred F.	8th Regiment, Company H
Burlingame, Stephen	8th Regiment, Company D
Castle, Samuel B.	4th Regiment, Company I
Castle, William H.	9th Regiment, Company H
Chase, George S.	9th Regiment, Company H
Chase, George T.	9th Regiment, Company H

Chase, Henry P.	9th Regiment, Company H
Cheney, Wales	18th Regiment, Company I
Clough, Alonzo P.	9th Regiment, Company K
Cobb, James H.	4th Regiment, Company I
Converse, Charles H.	11th Regiment, Company G
Corbin, George	2d Battalion
Crosley, Henry H.	4th Regiment, Company I
Dale, John J.	17th Regiment, Company F
Darling, Charles H.	8th Regiment, Company H
Ellis, George H.	1st S. S., Company F
Fish, Frederick A.	2d Regiment, Company I
Fish, Walter W.	4th Regiment, Company I
French, David W.	1st S. S., Company F
Furbush, George	8th Regiment, Company K
Gale, Asa A.	11th Regiment, Company E
Gale, David J.	4th Regiment, Company I
Gleason, Senaca B.	2d Regiment, Company I
Guertien, Harmini J.	11th Regiment, Company G
Haskins, Martin	11th Regiment, Company G
Hayward, Albert	4th Regiment, Company I
Holton, William H. H.	8th Regiment, Company H
Howard, Albert	5th Regiment, Company E
Howard, Harden	8th Regiment, Company H
Howard, Marcus J.	4th Regiment, Company I
Howard, Squire E.	8th Regiment, Company H
Howard, William H. H.	8th Regiment, Company H
Howe, Gardner H.	11th Regiment, Company G
Howe, Ora	11th Regiment, Company G
Howe, Waitsill	11th Regiment, Company G
Howe, Worden A.	11th Regiment, Company G
Hungerford, David A.	8th Regiment, Company K
Hurlburt, William H.	4th Regiment, Company I
Jefts, Norman L.	8th Regiment, Company K
Jennison, Francis W.	4th Regiment, Company
Johnson, Judson R.	4th Regiment, Company I
Johnson, Norman	11th Regiment, Company G

Kellogg, Leroy G.	4th Regiment, Company I
Kilburn, Joseph W.	2d Regiment, Company I
Leyden, Thomas	
Lynch, John	9th Regiment, Company K
May, Sidney	8th Regiment, Company I
Morse, Abial	8th Regiment, Company K
Osier, Joseph	2d Regiment, Company I
Parsons, Samuel L.	8th Regiment, Company I
Pearson, Charles	4th Regiment, Company I
Perham, Alanson E.	9th Regiment, Company K
Phelps, Eugene L.	9th Regiment, Company H
Pike, Norman T.	4th Regiment, Company I
Pike, William	4th Regiment, Company
Pike, William W.	4th Regiment, Company I
Ramsdell, John	8th Regiment, Company H
Rawson, Harrison L.	2d S. S., Company H
Rawson, Kimball P.	2d S. S., Company H
Rawson, Riley G.	2d S. S., Company H
Rawson, Sylvester E.	4th Regiment, Company I
Ray, Samuel B.	4th Regiment, Company I
Richardson, George A.	2d S. S., Company H
Robinson, William	9th Regiment, Company H
Rugg, Argalus R.	9th Regiment, Company H
Sanders, Harrison	9th Regiment, Company H
Sanders, Horace W.	9th Regiment, Company H
Sanders, William H.	4th Regiment, Company I
Shaffner, Lorenzo	11th Regiment, Company G
Shepard, Austin	4th Regiment, Company I
Stearns, Leonard A.	4th Regiment, Company I
Stocker, Henry P.	11th Regiment, Company G
Styles, Jeremiah D.	8th Regiment, Company D
Taylor, Horatio F.	2d Regiment, Company I
Thayer, Homer F.	11th Regiment, Company C
Thomas, Freeling G.	8th Regiment, Company D
Timothy, James E.	11th Regiment, Company H
Twitchell, Joseph	11th Regiment, Company G

Webster, John B.	4th Regiment, Company I
White, Austin D.	9th Regiment, Company H
White, Charles C.	9th Regiment, Company K
White, Marshall A.	4th Regiment, Company I
Wilder, Emery S.	9th Regiment, Company K
Williams, Orlando	9th Regiment, Company K
Woodward, T.	4th Regiment, Company I

Volunteers for One Year

Bailey, Otis	5th Regiment, Company
Bridge, Rodolphus	9th Regiment, Company A
Cobb, Chandler L.	9th Regiment, Company H
Davidson, Riley A.	Cavalry
Divol, John A.	Cavalry
Gilson, William H.	Cavalry
Goodale, George F.	9th Regiment, Company H
Hall, George E.	
Hennessey, Tho. J.	9th Regiment, Company C
Hoard, William J.	5th Regiment
Howard, Albert	Cavalry
Howe, William J.	
Kelly, Anson A.	Cavalry, Company F
Kingsbury, Ambrose	5th Regiment
Kingsbury, Elliott O.	5th Regiment
Kingsbury, Merritt W.	5th Regiment
Lamphear, George A.	Cavalry
Leet, Lucian N.	Cavalry
McClennan, Samuel T.	9th Regiment, Company E
Miller, Edmond G.	9th Regiment, Company H
Rawson, Chandler D.	9th Regiment, Company H
Rawson, Webster L.	9th Regiment, Company H
Sanders, William H.	Cavalry
Shaffner, Addison E.	
Stephen, Newell	9th Regiment, Company A
Van Fleet, Abraham S.	Cavalry
Wait, Dexter	16th Regiment, Company D

Volunteers Reenlisted

Stockwell, Franklin

Underwood, Ludovic

Volunteers for Nine Months

Ball, David

Howe, William G.

Barnes, William L.

Johnson, Asa L.

Briggs, Chester L.

Johnson, Elan G.

Castle, Charles W.

Johnson, Myron H.

Chase, George F.

Kingsbury, Ward

Ellis, Henry A.

Lyon, Daniel

Esterbrook, Nelson F.

Martin, Joseph

Esterbrook, Rodney L.

Read, Edward H.

Hard, George A.

Skinner, Sam E.

Holton, Warren L.

Wilder, Andrew F.

Howe, Henry

United States Navy, 1861-65

Men from Jamaica, Vermont

Fitzgerald, Michael

Regan, John

Parlin, Isaac

Sullivan, Daniel

Parlin, Robert

West, Henry

Redding, Charles

War with Spain, 1898

Men from Jamaica, Vermont

Bogle, Herbert W.

Wolfe, Max

Howard, Vose

World War, 1918

United States Navy

Bemis, Clyde Fred

Wilder, Hugh E.

Honor Roll, Jamaica, Vermont

*Henry Beattie	Walter Lackey
Prentice Butler	*Harry Leno
Ray Chapin	Mark McLean
Leon Cheney	Frank Parkhurst
Oscar Crandall	Merton Perry
Hobart Foskett	Clarence Pierce
William Giese	Perley Potter
Raymond Jones	Eric Sargent
Harrison Kingsbury	Evan Sargent
Henry Kingsbury	Benjamin Stark
David Knight	Wilber Wadleigh
Harold Knight	

* Died.

Grand Army of the Republic

Scott Post No. 11, G. A. R.

Was organized December, 1874, with Albert Sturges as the first commander.

Officers for 1895

Milton Howard	Commander
Phineas Allen	S. V. Commander
Asa S. Johnson	J. V. Commander
Myron H. Johnson	Adjutant
Wales Cheney	Quartermaster
William B. Castle	Surgeon
James C. Daggett	Chaplain
Emery S. Wilder	O. D.
Warren J. Sheldon	O. G.
Arad T. Wood	S. M.
Marshall A. White	Q. M. S.

Other Members

Castle, S. B.	Rawson, C. P.
Clark, W. F.	Rawson, G. E.
Clough, A. P.	Rawson, J. L.
Johnson, L. L.	Smith, R. H.
Kingsbury, D. O.	White, W. W.
Phelps, E. L.	
Not active, 1939.	

Scott Relief Corps No. 65, Jamaica, Vermont

Auxiliary to Scott Post No. 11, G. A. R.
Organized July 27, 1890.

Officers for 1895

Mrs. Ida Wilder	President
Mrs. Semira Bemis	S. V. P.
Mrs. A. Louise Allen	J. V. P.
Mrs. Anna Howard	Secretary
Mrs. Flora Rawson	Treasurer
Mrs. Fannie Wood	Chaplain
Mrs. Flora Wood	Conductor
Mrs. Miranda White	Guard
Mrs. Belle Phelps	Assistant Conductor
Mrs. Addie Howard	Assistant Guard

Past Presidents

Flora Rawson	Fannie Wood
Abbie White	

Other Members

Mrs. Anna Bills	Mrs. Angie Kingsbury
Mrs. Susan Briggs	Mrs. Eva Rawson
Mrs. Abbie Clark	Miss Grace Sherwin
Mrs. Lydia Clough	Mrs. Lillian Smith
Mrs. Frances Dorsett	
Disbanded.	

*Warren L. Holton Camp No. 63, Sons of Veterans
Jamaica, Vermont*

Officers for 1895

C. T. Torrey	.....	Captain
C. E. Wilder	.....	First Lieutenant
W. L. Phelps	.....	Second Lieutenant
C. E. Grout	.....	Chaplain
R. J. Daggett	.....	First Surg.
C. H. Allen	.....	Q. R. Surg.
G. F. Wood	.....	Surg. Guard
E. E. Wilder	.....	Color Sergeant
A. W. Bemis	.....	Musician
H. F. Howard	.....	Corporal Guard
F. D. Jones	.....	Camp Guard
E. E. Bemis	.....	Picket Guard
C. E. Grout	}	Camp Council
W. L. Phelps		
A. W. Bemis		
V. W. Boyden	.....	Delegate
R. J. Daggett	.....	Alternate

Other Members

Carroll D. Boyden	Ralph C. Cushing
Edward H. Boyden	George A. Day
Arthur F. Clough	George F. Gale
Elger W. Clough	Herbert M. Holton
Hoyt V. Clough	Leroy S. Rawson

Not active, 1939.

CHAPTER X

INDUSTRIES

In 1782 Peter Hazeltine built the first grist- and saw-mill on road 45 at East Jamaica. In 1785 it was sold to Mr. Howe, known as Miller Howe, who operated it for several years.

Joseph Dike built a grist- and sawmill, in 1809, back of the shoe shop operated by A. Kellogg, A. Wheaton, James Waterman, and Almon Clayton, and this shop was burned.

Roger Howe built a gristmill near the Read's mill dam and operated it for a few years and later it was operated by Joseph Shepards.

Benjamin Felton in 1828 fitted up a building near the Universalist church and he and his two sons, Henry and H. L. Felton, carried on the tannery business. In 1839 they built the mill where the Reeds' tannery was and sold it to the Reeds in 1844 who carried on the business with his son, Fayette D. Reed, and John Parsons.

In 1841 Solomon Newell built a tannery across the brook on the road to Winhall, near the bridge. This building was torn down after the September 21, 1938, hurricane. At this time Main Street ran across the brook at this place, later the road was moved up stream and a new bridge made, and, still later, in 1936, the present bridge was built.

Jamaica Leather Co. from 1858 to 1866 carried on the shoe business in a factory on Mechanic Street opposite High Street (South Hill) and in 1867 sold to Parsons, Livermore and Holton. This shop was burned.

Gilbert Shumway in 1844 built the sawmill and chair factory run by Abijah Muzzy and later by E. G. Johnson on Factory Street.

Lewis Shumway built the sawmill on road 23 leading to

West Jamaica, which was later owned and operated by C. Maynard, J. Q. Shumway, T. Boynton, and Dan Sherwin as a chair shop, then as a sawmill by H. H. Felton, Henry F. McLean, Cash Wilson, and in 1938 by Adolph Petrie.

Mark Livermore built the sawmill on road 23 toward West Jamaica and sold to D. E. Harris who sold to H. H. Felton, in 1872. In 1875 C. N. Nichols bought it, then sold to A. Sturgess, then to Fuller and Doane, to H. H. Wheeler who bought in 1883, and sold to C. E. Wilder, to Henry Cassier, to Willard C. Mallatier in 1937.

In 1860 Mr. Ward built a sawmill on road 22 leading to Pikes Falls. When the bridge was built it was called the Ward bridge. In 1866 Mr. O. A. Richardson bought the mill and operated it, the saw being hung in a frame and operated up and down. In 1885 this Ward mill was bought by C. N. Nichols. C. F. Richardson in 1883 operated it as a carriage shop.

In 1877 C. A. White built the mill on road 22 above the Ward mill. This mill was burned February 25, 1881, and rebuilt the same year. Made butter tubs and shingles and later Mr. White invented the "mop wringer," and was successful in this business. Later it was carried on by his sons Hubert and Julius, who moved the business to Fultonville, N. Y., so as to have better shipping facilities and freight rates.

Mr. Fish operated a grist- and sawmill near the village on road 23. Later sold to A. B. Stark who operated it for about fifty years. Sold to Leon Cheney. This mill was totally destroyed by the hurricane and flood of September 21, 1938.

Wardwell and Flint operated a sawmill at the base of Ball Mountain near the site of the "Indian Raid" about 1880.

In 1881 Alvin Frost operated a bowl and tray shop on Mechanic Street.

In 1884 F. W. Perry had a tannery.

In 1884 Edwin F. Russell operated a chair factory in the village.

In 1884 W. L. Barnes was blacksmith and carriage maker.

Orrin Johnson, Sr., was a skillful carpenter and his son, Orrin, helped him build some of the houses on Main Street, one of which is the Telephone Exchange Building. Orrin, Sr., was an expert basket maker, all sizes from four quarts up to three bushels.

Business Directory, Jamaica, 1868

Butler, John A.—West River Bank, Cashier

Felton, A. E.—Sawmill, Felton Street

Felton, H. H.—Tannery, Main Street

Felton, H. L.—Tannery, Main Street

How, Caleb—Shoe Shop, Main Street

How, Jerry—Boot and Shoe Shop, Main Street

Holton, Joel—Physician, Main Street

Kellogg, E. E.—Attorney, Main Street

Muzzy, Abijah—Store, Main Street, and Factory Street
Chair Shop

Muzzy, J. B.—Farmer, Main and North Streets

Pierce, C. H.—Store, Main Street

Pierce, E. G.—Store, Main Street

Parsons, Livermore & Holton—B. & S. Shop, Mechanic
Street

Reed, C. D.—Tannery, North Street

Sawyer, H. E.—Hotel, Main and Mechanic Streets

Sprague, L. N.—Agent, Main Street

Wheeler, H. H.—Attorney, Main Street

Young, C.—Butcher, Main Street

Abijah Muzzy in the early 1870's had a brick kiln across the brook at Goodell point on road 23 where he made bricks.

Jamaica Cheese Association

Par value of shares \$10.

Officers in 1892: David Eddy, President; J. C. Robinson, Clerk.

Jamaica Lumber Co.

Officers in 1905: W. C. Shields, President; E. J. Hollenbeck, Treasurer; G. H. Hollenbeck, General Manager.

Jamaica Tannery, 1885

F. W. Perry and Son

Jamaica Glove Co., 1912

G. H. Hollenbeck and J. S. Buchanan

Lime Kilns

In District No. 9, on Turkey Mountain road No. 8, there were two lime kilns for burning limestone. This process was called air slacking and produced quicklime used in making mortar for building purposes. One kiln was owned by W. Thayer, the other by H. Howard.

Tanning Hides with Hemlock Bark

The hides are first freed from all hair and flesh, then salted, put in pickle liquor of salt and water in the tan pit and left soaking for the proper time, and worked frequently to keep them pliable. The action of the tannic acid in the bark does the work. Dried hides are treated the same.

Ferns for Florists

Fern pickers are required to pick fresh stems that are 12 inches long and tie in bunches of 24 stems. They are paid at the rate of one to three cents per bunch. Formerly the picking was better and pickers made from \$3 to \$6 per day when the season was good.

Jamaica at one time had these mills, shops, factories, and other business :

Gristmills	Tanneries
*Sawmills	*Basket Makers
Cider Mills	Cattle Dealers
Cheese Factory	*Carpenters
Glove Factory	*Blacksmith
Chair Factory	Bees and Honey
Rake Factory	*Farning
Bowl and Tray Factory	Livery and Sale Stable
Coffin Shop	*Maple Syrup
Leather Shop	*Maple Sugar
Shoe Shop	Turkeys
*Stone Boats	*Undertaker
Mop Wringer Factory	Wood Pulp
Lime Kilns	

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are still operating.

Jamaica Street Lighting, 1903

We the undersigned subscribers hereby agree to pay the sums set opposite our respective names, for the purpose of lighting the streets of Jamaica village for one year from December 1, 1903, the same to be paid quarterly at the Post Office, Savings Bank or to C. B. Alexander, no subscription to be binding until at least sixty dollars is subscribed.

Jamaica, Vermont, November 23, 1903	
J. C. Robinson	\$5.00
J. A. Muzzy	3.00
D. Eddy	2.00
J. G. White	2.00
Mrs. Fannie Howard	2.00
F. G. Hosley	1.00
Mrs. Lucy Kellogg	2.00
H. Knights	2.00
J. B. Muzzy	1.00
Mrs. Edna Clark	1.00

A. B. Stark	3.00
Phineas Allen	1.00
B. M. Allen	1.00
Fred Rawson	1.00
J. C. Daggett	1.00
R. Daggett	1.00
D. Sherwin	1.00
F. Sellers	1.00
D. Howe	1.00
Charlie Howe	1.00
H. F. McLean	1.00
Harry Amsden	1.00
W. Barnes	2.00
L. Savage	.50
Mrs. Newman	2.00
Elton Williams	1.00
E. G. Taylor	.50
P. Boynton	.50
H. J. Sage	3.00
Milton Howard	1.00
H. O. Emerson	1.00
W. A. Newell	2.00
L. Emery	.50
A. E. Hartwell	1.50
Willie Bemis	.50
W. E. Foskett	2.00
E. E. Bemis	1.00
H. P. Boynton	1.00
F. E. Smith	2.00
H. A. Ellis	.50
L. O. Read	1.00
Leon Torrey	1.00
Mrs. Fay Ellis	1.00
Mason Howard	1.00
H. F. Willis	1.00
A. L. Howard	2.00
Myra Bemis	.50
C. H. Taynton	2.00
J. Q. Shumway	2.50

A. E. Shumway	2.00
E. H. McElwen	1.00
C. S. Clark	1.00
F. C. Brigham	5.00
R. Howard	1.00
J. H. Howard	1.00
A. A. Willis	.50
E. M. Spencer	1.00
J. H. Lyman	1.00
P. E. Howard	.50
Wales Cheney	1.00
E. W. Prouty	1.00
F. A. Ballard	1.00
C. L. Harrington	1.00
Ed. M. Wheeler	.50
J. M. Clark	.50

Electric Light Company

1900. C. A. Alexander started in the McLean mill with 110-volt direct current.

1903. McLean took over the plant and put in 110-volt alternating current.

1905. Sold to Windham Light and Lumber Co.

1907. Plant burned.

1912. Plant rebuilt.

1918. F. W. Mutch built small building for power plant.

1929. Sold to Wes-Lon Light and Power Co. and is controlled by the Colonial Utilities Co., a Delaware corporation.

The Telephone Company

Was started in 1901 by Emery Melendy of South Londonderry as the Melendy Telephone Co., with a single line to the David Eddy store in Jamaica with Mrs. Chloe Eddy as operator and Miss Edith M. Clark, assistant operator. Later the Eddy store was bought by R. J. Daggett

who continued the telephone. Mrs. Jennie Daggett was operator.

1922. The Melendy Telephone Co. sold to the Martin H. Gleason Telephone Co. of Wardsboro, with the exchange on Mechanic Street with Merton Perry, operator. Gleason Co. sold to Windham Telephone Co., who sold to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., with the exchange on Main Street. Mrs. Mildred Perry, operator.

Newspapers

The West River Republican Spy, April, 1884, monthly, published by H. E. Mundell. Motto, "Be just and fear not."

Jamaica Ginger. 1890-92. Published by H. E. Mundell. Weekly.

Business Directory, 1940

Banks—Jamaica Branch, Vermont Savings, John S. Robinson, Mgr.

Basket Maker—Henry Williams

Blacksmith—L. Chapin

Boats, Stone—Rawson Bros., Manley and Portley

Carpenters—W. A. Newell (also undertaker), Will Rush, William A. Rogers

Furs and Dressed Skins—Lester Williams

General Store—J. A. Muzzy Co., E. O. Allen, Mgr.; Arthur L. Lewis; George H. Gleason, East Jamaica; H. Kingsbury, Rawsonville; Edward J. Wells, Rawsonville

Gift Shop—Lottie J. Girard: China, Glass, Fancy Work

Grain Store—Frank A. Rush

Insurance—F. M. Butler, East Jamaica; Roe E. Robinson

Meat Market—E. E. Bemis

Painters—F. A. Chase (also Tourist Cabins); Harold Henderson, East Jamaica; Otis R. Hefflon

Physician—Dr. O. V. Hefflon



REVILO HOWARD HOUSE.



Photograph by Caroline Lowe.

REMODELLED BY THE BOOKERS, 1930.

Road Side Stands—Edith M. Clark, Plants, Flowers, Floral Pieces; W. C. Lippincott, Milk, Poultry, Eggs, East Jamaica; F. J. Rue, Poultry, Milk, and Vegetables Trucking—Charles L. Clark, Mark F. McLean, Clarence W. Pierce, Alden H. Torrey

Edith M. Clark's house on road 26 was at one time used as a parsonage by the Congregational church, when it stood on the foundation of the Knowlton house, near the bank building. The house was moved to its present site and Mr. Knowlton built a new home on the old lot. This house, a few years later, was exchanged for the John C. Robinson home on Mechanic Street, about 1890.

This house on Mechanic Street, next to the Revilo Howard house, was at one time owned by Mr. Cheney and later by William Carr, who was drowned in the flood of 1869. Later it was owned by John C. Robinson, who exchanged it for the Knowlton house on Main Street. After Mr. Knowlton it was used by Dr. Greenwood, and was totally destroyed by fire in 1902.

The building on Main Street, at the corner of Factory Street, was built by Dr. Joel Holton and was his home and office for over fifty years. When he came to Jamaica in 1831 he lived in the house now owned by W. A. Newell, then known as the Knowlton house. After Dr. Holton died the building was used as a home and store by David Eddy. It also was the post office and the telephone exchange. Later it was owned by R. J. Daggett and is now owned by Arthur L. Lewis.

A List of Producers of Maple Syrup and Sugar

Bennett, Edward D.

Bolster, Lyle

Butler, Fred M., East Jamaica

Crowninshield, Marcus L.

Hamilton, Charles H., Pikes Falls

Knothe, Miss, Fancy Maple Candy, Pikes Falls

Lippincott, W. C., East Jamaica

Rogers, William A.

Stark, Benjamin, East Jamaica

Twing, Walter C., Pikes Falls

Wright, John J., South Hill



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AUDIENCE AT DEDICATION.



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CHILDREN'S GROUP AT DEDICATION.

CHAPTER XI

LIBRARIES

1878. Jamaica Agricultural Society

Jamaica, Vt.

Agricultural Library

REGULATIONS

Any member of this Association who has complied with the rules of the Library, may, either by personal application or by his order, receive from the Librarian any book which may be in the Library at the time of his application, and retain the same for three weeks, and no member shall be allowed to have out more than one book at a time, or lend any book belonging to the Association.

Any member who shall detain a book for a longer period than is allowed, shall pay for each day that the book is so detained Three cents.

Any member who shall lose, mutilate, or materially injure a book, shall supply a new copy of the same, or pay to the Librarian the value of said book, or the just amount of damage; the same to be decided by the Librarian, or Executive Committee.

1884. Jamaica Library Association

EXTRACT

FROM THE REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

JAMAICA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Art. 1—Any member may, in person or by order, take any Book in the Library and retain the same for thirty (30) days. For each day after, he shall pay to the Librarian a fine of ten (10) cents per day.

Art. 2—No member shall be allowed to have but one book at a time, nor to lend books to any one.

Art. 3—Any book that is lost, torn, or unnecessarily injured, the person so doing shall replace it or pay for the same.

Art. 4—The President, Secretary, and Librarian, shall constitute a Purchasing Committee and may purchase books, and by vote of Library Association, make assessments not to exceed Two Dollars per annum for each member.

Art. 5—Any member neglecting to pay his assessments or fines to the Librarian within Ten days after being notified, shall forfeit his membership until his assessments or fines are paid.

1884. Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Had about 200 books.

1890. Baptist Church Sunday School. John Wolcott, Librarian. Had about 250 books.

1890. Congregational Church Sunday School. Had about 250 books.

Jamaica Memorial Library

1923. State of Vermont granted sanction.

February 2, 1924. Library opened.

January 1, 1934. Trustees bought the building.

August 22, 1934. Dedication.

1934. Collection catalogued by Miss Ruth Watts of the state F.E.R.A.

1938. Number of books circulated, 2430.

1938. Number of books added, 130.

January 1, 1940. Number of books catalogued, 3000.

Library open Saturday P.M.

Summer time 2 to 5. Winter time 1 to 4. Miss Harriet Watts, Librarian.

An Appeal Issued in 1923 for Contributions to the Memorial Library Fund

TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JAMAICA:

It has been generally recognized for years that the Town of Jamaica stands in sore need of a Free Public Library. The town needs it as an essential part of its community life, but more especially it needs it for the benefit of its children of school age.

At present, without a reference library of any kind, their school work is sorely handicapped. In this one respect alone, Jamaica is a step behind her immediate neighbors in civic progress.

At the town meeting of a year ago the voters took heed of this pressing need, and as an entering wedge, created a Board of Library Trustees of five members to constitute the administrative body to carry on the work of a Public Library. Quarters have been secured, a capable librarian engaged, and necessary steps will be taken to secure our proportion of State aid as soon as a Public Library is assured.

In order that such a progressive institution may be assured we need an endowment fund; first, to provide the necessary equipment of books; and second, to apply the interest for necessary additions from time to time as they are needed. The happy solution of this problem, we believe, is the creation of a Memorial Public Library Fund, which, instead of being a memorial to some one individual, or family, may be a memorial to all of the splendid men and women who at one time or another have been constructive factors in the community life of Jamaica.

We appeal to the loyal sons and daughters of Jamaica to take a share in this task, to contribute to a fund which shall stand as a lasting and constructive memorial to those men and women who gave us the blessed heritage of good citizenship. Contributions to the proposed fund may be large or small, but we would like to have everyone represented. We would like to feel that all of the sons and daughters of Jamaica have had a part in making such a needed and useful institution possible. It will give everyone who contributes an equal sentimental interest in an effort which cannot fail to exert an exceptionally helpful influence in our community.

A Free Public Library will make Jamaica a better place in which to live. It will give Jamaica's budding citizens a much greater opportunity to profit by our Public School System. It will be for each of us who helps to create the Memorial Public Library Fund a sentimental tie to the Old Home Town which has meant so much in the lives of us all.

We urge you to do your share in making such a fund possible. Any sum, however small, may be contributed, but we wish especially that you register your approval of our plan by making

a contribution of some sort. Enclosed you will find a blank which, by signing and returning to us, will signify your approval of the Memorial Public Library Fund, upon which you may designate what amount you are willing to contribute, and a space in which you may specify the name or names of those in whose memory you make your contribution.

Please give this matter your thoughtful consideration, and if possible, mail your reply, with your contribution or pledge, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) ELLA J. ROBINSON

(Mr.) ERNEST O. ALLEN

(Mrs.) MINNIE B. BUTLER

(Mrs.) ANNA L. STARK

(Mr.) MAX F. WOLFE

Trustees of the Jamaica Public Library.

Historical Sketch Written by Harvey Gray of the Springfield Union, and Read by Miss Mary Robinson at the Dedication of the Jamaica Memorial Library, August 22, 1934

Memorial libraries are no novelty. A tour through New England, or any part of the United States, in fact, will reveal countless libraries dedicated to the memory of some outstanding figure in a city's or town's history. It is a splendid gesture, this erection of a valuable adjunct to our institutions of learning as a monument to some outstanding man or woman.

But the exercises of today come as the result of quite a different type of memorial—a distinctive and significant type of memorial, in fact. For where these countless other Memorial Libraries are dedicated to the memories of individuals, or at most of family names, this Memorial Public Library of Jamaica is dedicated to the loving memory of scores of splendid men and women who in past years have contributed in greater or lesser degree to the civic life of this Windham County Town.

There is an idea—or perhaps we should say ideal—behind this type of Memorial Public Library, for it memorializes a people, a community, and the many human factors which of necessity must be drawn upon to create what we recognize as “community welfare.” The story of the conception of the idea of a free public library for Jamaica, the preliminaries and finally the direct efforts taken to assure its establishment and permanence, is quite unique, and it might well serve as a pattern for other communities to follow in the establishment of similar institutions. It is an idea which by its very nature will result in the library enduring for an indefinite period, gaining strength and increasing in influence and effectiveness as year follows year. For this is a memorial not only to men and women of Jamaica now passed away, but during the years to come it may serve as a memorial to those now living and to those as yet unborn.

It is, in short, a universal memorial to the best elements of manhood and womanhood which Jamaica has fostered since the days of its earliest settler, and a challenge to the present and future citizens of the town to keep its civic standards high and unassailable.

The founding of any institution, large or small, usually is based upon the prophetic vision of some individual, and in the case of Jamaica’s Memorial Public Library we find no exception to this rule. The idea originated in the mind of a public spirited woman, Miss Luella Allen, who felt that the town would profit greatly by the establishment of a library which would not have to depend upon tax money for support. She felt that the men and women of the town and particularly the children would benefit greatly through the establishment of a town library and with this idea in mind she approached certain public spirited citizens and outlined her idea.

She discussed the idea particularly with Mrs. A. W. Thomas and later with the late Mrs. Ella J. Robinson.

Not only did she contribute the idea, but also stated that she would start the fund necessary for its establishment with a modest endowment. This she did eventually, then supplemented it with a sizeable additional amount which was to be designated as the "Mary Muzzy Fund."

Both Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Robinson lent their enthusiastic support to the idea, even though Mrs. Thomas no longer was a resident of Jamaica. Every year, on Old Home Day, the subject was broached to the sons and daughters of Jamaica, including those who remained citizens of the town and those who had removed elsewhere. The idea had an instinctive appeal, but in spite of this and the fact that virtually no opposition developed, it was not until 1922 that matters could be shaped to warrant a definite start being made. In the summer of that year, however, the sponsors, who had grown in number as their enthusiasm for the idea also had increased, believed that the time had arrived to make a definite start. The text of an explanatory pamphlet was prepared and during the following fall and winter the pamphlet was published. Copies were sent to hundreds of former residents of Jamaica, while virtually every resident of Jamaica was approached to determine his or her attitude.

The idea, briefly, was this: As a memorial library it was to be—as previously stated—a general memorial to the men and women of Jamaica. Everyone could participate, regardless of the amount of the contribution each made to the general endowment fund. A dollar contribution assumed the same proportions as one amounting to hundreds of dollars. The idea was to give something material which would assist in the establishment and eventually in an endowment of sufficient amount to render the institution entirely self-supporting. The ideal is yet to be realized to its fullest extent. Perhaps it never will be realized; but at least an impressive start was made and the culmination of the first important step has come to pass,

for today we are dedicating a building which is to be the permanent home of our library.

One of the most refreshing elements in the brief history of the library has been the manner in which former residents have come to the support of the institution. They gave money, they lent enthusiastic and practical moral support and they made other gifts which have helped to a very material degree. John Knowlton, for example, gave liberally to the fund, while Judge James M. Tyler, though never a resident, left a portion of his splendid library as a nucleus.

But of equal importance was the attitude and the actions of many others, who, due to circumstances, were unable to donate large sums. They came with contributions of varying amounts, but each came with the same eager and grateful spirit. They wished to have a part in a plan which they felt was constructive. It pleased them to feel that they were doing their share in inaugurating a highly worthy institution and that the institution they helped to found would serve as a memorial to names whom they held dear, just as it would serve as a similar memorial to many others.

It should be regarded as a definite recommendation of the worthiness of the idea that the library fund has come as the result of many small contributions rather than as the result of a few large one. The larger ones are greatly appreciated, never fear, but the smaller ones have had the same noble impetus behind them and others yet to come will be accepted in the same light.

For perhaps a year after that summer of 1922 the work of establishing the Memorial Public Library was of the preparatory type. Countless things remained to be done. The State authorities had to be consulted and their sanction obtained. This finally was obtained and under the authority thus granted the Town of Jamaica elected its first library board of five members, the first board serv-

ing for varying terms to make it possible ultimately to elect a new member to the board each year and to serve for five years.

With this work accomplished the original board obtained a nucleus in the form of a supply of books, shelves were constructed through the liberality of local citizens, and on February 2, 1924, the library was opened for the first time, in a room in the home of Mrs. Robinson, which she had given for this purpose. Her diary states that there were 12 visitors on that first day.

The new library was small, the supply of books was limited and the means for increasing this supply also were restricted, for only the income derived from the memorial fund could be used to purchase new books. In spite of these restrictions the supply grew gradually, there were numerous gifts of books, including many reference works which have proved of especial value to the children of our schools.

Until the summer of 1930 the library remained in Mrs. Robinson's home, then was moved to a room in the John Hamilton House. Later it was moved to a room in the old Waterman place, where it occupied a room once used by Judge Eleazer Waterman as a law office when that distinguished son of Jamaica was still a resident here.

Ever and always, however, the desire was felt to obtain the equip a permanent home for the library, but the means were not available and the exact location did not seem obtainable.

Today, however, we have that permanent home, which was for many years the home of the late Mrs. Eliza Jacobs. It was a delightfully picturesque little home, reminiscent of its occupant of so many years. It is central, it is unusually attractive and it has proved ideally suited to our library needs. Mrs. Clara Henkel of Brattleboro, daughter of Mrs. Jacobs, has been more than generous and considerate in her negotiations. She named an

extremely moderate figure and in addition permitted the library board to sell any of the effects and use the money thus obtained for adapting the property for use as a library.

When we consider this new home for the library one name stands out—the name of Dr. Warren E. Booker—for he has been the very spirit of loyalty and generosity in the manner in which he has given of his time and means to make this permanent home for the library a reality. This he has done gladly, with no thought of material return.

He has been ably seconded by numerous others, who likewise have contributed liberally of their time and materials. Among these are Wales A. Newell, E. A. Cook and Harley Boynton, all of whom responded willingly and generously to the call for volunteers. As a result of their efforts the library now stands completed. It is excellently equipped and that equipment, for the most part, has come as the result of voluntary contributions of materials and services.

It is a library of which the town may well be proud. It gives our children something substantial, it gives our men and women the means of healthful relaxation and enjoyment. It is something upon which to build, something for which we may plan during the years to come.

But, though we may regard it truly as a “going institution,” the work actually has barely begun. It should stand now as a challenge—a challenge to our pride, our efforts in behalf of the succeeding generations of children of Jamaica, and our spirit of progress. As it stands the library provides well-rounded means for cultural advancement. But it is by no means complete. It is far from complete, in fact. There are many works on its shelves which serve as valuable sources of reference material, but much—a great deal, in fact—is still missing. The library needs many more standard works of reference. It needs a greater number of high-quality books of fiction.

But more than anything else, it needs a greater endowment to make it possible to expand the library service. As matters stand now it is possible to open the library for a few hours on one day each week. It makes no allowance whatever for evening openings, when the men and women of Jamaica might enjoy its facilities. The lack of funds with which to make this possible is responsible.

The library has no index system, for these are expensive things, requiring the services of someone especially trained in library work to carry it out. An index would increase the value of the store of books already in the library's possession to an impressive degree, but for the present at least things must go on as they are.

But this situation should serve as a challenge. There are plenty of opportunities for development. Plenty of opportunity for growth. The State stands ready to help if it is shown that such help will serve a practical purpose. But to obtain that help it must be shown that those who benefit from this institution are capable of helping themselves. The work of increasing the library endowment should be carried on with increasing vigor. Here is a splendid achievement, this permanent home. It should serve not merely as a structure in which to house the town's memorial library, but a cornerstone upon which the town and its people may build for the future. The library now has a store of approximately 1200 books, through the generosity of many people, not the least of whom is Mrs. Frances L. Nash of New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

But the memorial idea never should be permitted to lag. The memorial fund should be constantly increasing, for this memorial idea is one which never should be permitted to become dormant. Additions to the fund today, tomorrow, next month, a year or five, ten or twenty years from now will show that the people of Jamaica, and former residents who remain loyal to the place of their birth,

are fully appreciative of the start which has been made and that they stand for progress and for civic advancement.

Let the library idea grow! Let it never cease from growing! Let it truly become a memorial to Jamaica, past, present, and future, a civic institution with a wholesome, helpful objective. What we do now will bear fruit unceasingly during the years to come. The library has been given the spark of life. Let that spark be fanned into a flame which will serve as a perpetual beacon on the road to civic progress.

Contributors to the Jamaica Memorial Fund

The interest only may be used.

<i>Names</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>
Allen, Mrs. Luella M.	Mary O. Muzzy
Allen, Arthur M.	
Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. C. F.	
Barnes, Mrs. Almira C.	Silas Parsons
Bemis, Frances A.	Martha Brown Cheney
Berger, Emma K.	Hannah Brown Kingsbury
Booker, Dr. and Mrs. W. E.	Laura Wood Chase
Boyden, Ethel Waterman	Chandler and Polly Thayer Waterman
Brazer, Paul and Doris	
Chase, Laura W.	David and Louisa Twitchell
Cheney, Nettie M.	Samuel T. R. Cheney
Cheney, Leon M.	
Clark, Edith M.	Mother
Cushman, Mrs. Myra	
Eddy, Mrs. C. J.	George Holton and David Eddy
Ellis, Mrs. F. L.	Fay L. Ellis
Fussell, Mary H.	Hannah Brown Kingsbury

Gilfeather, Mr. and Mrs. H. F.	Arad T. Wood
Goodwin, Mrs. Grace White	Katharine Cheney White Catharine Brown Adams
Henkel, Clara E.	Edwin A. Smith Eliza Smith Jacobs
Holden, Lyman E.	Calwil C. Holden
Holton, Harriet M.	Major W. H. H. Holton
Howard, Stella	Flora M. Howard Malitta M. Williams
Howard, George F.	
Howe, Harland H.	Senica W. and Laura D. Howe
Howe, Mrs. Viona M.	The Howe Family
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin A.	The Johnson Family
Kellogg, Mrs. Lucy R.	George Kellogg
Kingsbury, Wyland B.	Hannah Brown Kingsbury
Knowlton, John L.	
Landman, Luke T.	Hannah Brown Landman
Muzzy, Mrs. Elnora J.	James A. Muzzy Daniel Sherwin
Robinson, Mrs. Emma Howe	Alfred Howe
Robinson, Mary	John Cheney Robinson Ella Juelma Robinson
Smith, Mrs. Florence White	Mrs. James H. White
Stearns, Ella C.	Ziba Chapin (Resident 1804-1858)
Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Willis H.	M. Dorothy (Taft) Bristol
Twitchell, Fremont D.	David and Louisa Twitchell
Upton, Olive Shumway	Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Shumway
Vey, Rev. Walter	
Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer	Chandler and Polly Thayer Waterman

Waterman, Hugh Arthur	
Waterman, Ernest James	} Aaron and Julie Dutton Bemis
Waterman, Alice Maude	
Waterman, Halbert Lee	
Webster, Mabel Waterman	
Wheeler, Leston A.	
Whitmore, Ella K.	Hannah Brown Kingsbury
Wolcott, John K.	
Wood, Mrs. Fanny	Arad T. Wood
Wright, Fred	
Young, Mrs. Mary J.	F. E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phelps

Free Public Library
Jamaica, Vermont

Rules

1. Books may not be kept longer than two weeks.
2. A fine of five cents a week shall be paid on each book which is not returned according to the above rule. No book shall be issued to any person incurring such fine, until it has been paid.
3. All injuries to books beyond reasonable wear and all losses shall be made good to the satisfaction of the librarian. (Marking a book, even with a lead pencil, turning down the corners of pages will be considered an injury.)

Report of the Trustees of the
Jamaica Memorial Library

Receipts for 1938

Jan. 1, 1938, cash balance of three bank books,	\$626.92
(Interest only may be used)	
Jan. 1, 1938, cash balance on hand,	10.78
Jan. 1, 1938, interest on three books,	6.26
July 1, 1938, interest on three books,	6.33
From town,	50.00
From fines,	4.50
Rental of "The Citadel,"	.90
	————— \$705.69

Expenses for 1938

Paid librarian,	\$ 40.50	
Paid fire insurance,	1.65	
Paid Crowell Publishing Co.,	9.11	
Paid for 6 books,	5.91	
Paid for 500 book cards,	1.53	
Paid supplies,	.85	
Paid postage stamps,	.78	
Paid Rowley truck,	.20	
Add to Memorial Fund,	4.01	
	<hr/>	\$ 64.54
December 31, 1938:		
Cash balance on hand,		\$ 1.64
Cash balance of three bank books,		639.51
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		\$705.69

W. E. Booker,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Jamaica Memorial Library Building

At one time was used by the West River Bank 1854-60; 1870 by John P. Robinson, store; 1877 by John C. Robinson, post office; 1878 by the Jamaica Savings Bank; 1885 by various businesses; 1912 by Eliza S. Jacobs as a residence; 1934 by Jamaica Library.

Library Trustees:

Warren E. Booker	Term expires 1939
Minnie Perry	Term expires 1940
Ernest O. Allen	Term expires 1941
Marjorie Pierce	Term expires 1942
Elnora Muzzy	Term expires 1943

CHAPTER XII

ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Ladies Industrial Society

The ladies of the Congregational Society met at the house of Benjamin Muzzy and formed themselves into a Ladies Industrial Society April 6, 1870, making choice of the following officers:

President, Mrs. W. C. Bowen
Vice-President, Miss Lucy Felton
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lucy A. Robinson
First Committee, Mrs. Philetus Kellogg
Second Committee, Mrs. George Shaffner
Third Committee, Mrs. H. J. Livermore

Voted to meet one week from today, April 13, 1870, adjourned.

Jamaica, Vt. L. A. Robinson, Secretary.

Meeting April 13 at the parsonage, thirteen present. Ladies brought their own work and paid six cents each to the society.

Members of the Ladies Industrial Society:

Mrs. Benjamin Muzzy	Mrs. P. Kellogg
Mrs. George Shaffner	Mrs. W. C. Bowen
Mrs. W. Williams	Mrs. H. J. Livermore
Mrs. H. H. Wheeler	Miss Lucy A. Robinson
Mrs. C. Young	Mrs. Mary Clark
Mrs. J. Muzzy	Miss Lucy Felton

1870. First year work—151 hats braided, 17 pair stockings knit, 6 pair mittens knit, boys' suits, girls' dresses, and undergarments.

1871. Second year—266 hats braided, quilts tied and quilted, and the usual work.

Some interesting items copied from secretary's record.

1877	For singing books	\$ 12.00
1878	For repairing parsonage and barn	10.00
1883	For church chandelier	21.30
1885	Paid for dishes	5.50
1894	Towards repairs on church	25.00
1897	Towards painting the church	25.00
1900	Towards the well	15.00
1901	Towards repairs at parsonage	50.00
1903	Towards carpet, etc., church	125.00
1904	Towards reducing church debt	51.86
1906	To Congregational Church Building Society	25.00
1909	To repairs on parsonage	162.27
1911	To Congregational Church Building Society	50.00
1913	To Stove for Parsonage	30.00
1915	To Congregational Church Building Society	100.00
1927	To Congregational Church Building Society	25.00

August 8, 1905. The Ladies Industrial Society held a business meeting in the Town Hall (church hall) to see what action shall be taken in regard to repair the hall, said hall having been bought of the town by an unknown friend for \$800.

Voted to use \$100 on repairs, and chose the following committee: Mrs. F. C. Brigham, Mrs. Lucy R. Kellogg, Mrs. J. A. Muzzy. Lucy R. Kellogg, Secretary.

Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor Society was organized January, 1892. It was reorganized February 2, 1894, and twelve signed the revised pledge. February, 1894, had 24 charter members. February, 1896, had 69 names on membership list.

Presidents who have served: Mrs. Mary O. Muzzy, Mr. George Pierce, Dr. C. S. Brigham, Mrs. Agnes Wolcott, Miss Mabel Read.

Womans Christian Temperance Union was organized June 2, 1884, and selected the following officers:

President, Mrs. David Eddy
First Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Butler
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Lucy R. Kellogg
Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Perry
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rose Howe
Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Waterman

August 1, 1888. Voted \$10 to start a loaning library.

September 4, 1888. Voted \$5.25 to Library Fund.

August 6, 1890. Voted the library free to all.

About 200 books catalogued.

June 15-16, 1889. The Windham County W. C. T. U. held the 17th annual convention at the Baptist Church in Jamaica, Vermont.

Mothers' Christian Endeavor Society was organized June, 1894, with eight charter members: Mrs. C. L. Vincent, Mrs. J. C. Robinson, Mrs. H. O. Emerson, Mrs. O. H. Wardwell, Mrs. E. C. Clark, Mrs. H. A. McLean, Mrs. Flora W. Howard, Mrs. C. A. Aiken.

Loyal Temperance Legion was formed September 5, 1890, with thirty members.

Vermont State Grange No. 378 Patrons of Husbandry, officers Roe Robinson, Master; Mrs. C. C. Allen, Lecturer; Lottie Hosley, Secretary.

Sunnyside Grange No. 147. 1884. Alvin M. Frost, Master; Mrs. C. W. Russell, Secretary.

1884. Kingsbury's Quadrille Band. B. A. Kingsbury, Leader. Five pieces, and very popular for dances in near-by towns.

Jamaica Cornet Band, 1872-88

Some of the members :

George Waley Holton, Leader and Drum Major
Lewis Phelps, Bass Drum
H. Mundall, Horn
Charles Morgan, Cornet
Edmund C. Skinner, Clarinet
Dr. Fred Brigham, Horn
B. A. Kingsbury, Drum
Milton E. Allen, Cornet
Will Holland, Horn
Alvin Frost
W. Kingsbury

They used the upper floor of the Parsons, Livermore and Holton shoe shop for rehearsals once a week.

Maynard Hollow Fife and Drum Corps, 1895-98

William White, Leader
Julius White, Drum Major
Lester Higgins, Fife
Hubert White, Bass
Johnnie White, Drum
Willie White, Fife

Special evening serenade to summer visitors.

1939. Woman's Missionary Auxiliary. President, Mrs. Beatrice Bemis; Vice-President, Miss Bessie Rue; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Robinson; Treasurer, Miss Mary Robinson.

Free and Accepted Masons of Jamaica, Vermont

Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 46

This lodge was chartered January 13, 1859, to Jamaica and South Londonderry.

The first master was Sam Pierce. F. M. Marsh, Secretary; J. L. Pierce, S. W.; L. H. Sprague, J. W.

Since July, 1860, the meetings have been at Jamaica.

Officers, 1939

Samuel T. R. Cheney, Worshipful Master
 Clarence W. Pierce, Senior Warden
 Arthur L. Lewis, Junior Warden
 Ernest O. Allen, Treasurer
 Warren E. Booker, Secretary
 Donald R. Huntington, Senior Deacon
 Ralph H. Wheeler, Junior Deacon
 Otis R. Hefflon, Senior Steward
 Marcus T. Crowninshield, Junior Steward
 Frank M. Boynton, Chaplain
 Oscar V. Hefflon, Marshal
 Frank A. Chase, Tyler

Members

*Allen, Ernest Orrin	Colman, Arlen H.
Bemis, Leon W.	Cook, Edward A.
Booker, Warren E.	Crowninshield, Marcus T.
Boynton, Frank M.	Crowninshield, Wallace A.
*Boynton, Harlan P.	*Daggett, Ralph J.
Brewster, T. Crossley	*Gleason, Claude F.
*Butler, Albert W.	Gleason, George H.
*Butler, Frederick M.	*Gleason, Martin
Butler, Wayne L.	*Hefflon, Oscar V.
*Castle, John L.	Hefflon, Otis R.
Chase, Frank A.	Howard, Perlle E.
*Cheney, Samuel T. R.	*Huntington, Donald R.
Clark, Charles L.	Jones, Raymond C.

* Past Masters.

Kendall, Raymond	Rawson, Edward B.
Kidder, William W.	Rawson, Plimpton W.
*Kingsbury, Harrison M.	Roberts, Louis G.
Kingsbury, Henry D.	Shine, Charles L.
Lackey, Earl H.	Slade, Robert G.
Levin, A.	Torrey, Alden H.
Lewis, Arthur Leon	Twitchell, Adams H.
Marsh, Burton E.	Van Ness, William W.
*McLean, Mark F.	Vey, Walter
Mehuron, Benjamin H.	Wheeler, Ralph H.
Newell, H. Malcolm	White, Theron L.
Newell, Wales A.	Wilder, Ray G.
Pierce, Clarence W.	Williams, Fordyce I.
*Piper, Arthur V. D.	

Past Masters

1859 L. H. Sprague	1897 M. L. Johnson
1860 J. E. Butler	1899 H. F. Willis
1861 C. W. Reed	1901 C. J. Howe
1862 J. Q. Shumway	1903 R. J. Daggett
1863 Park Davis	1906 F. C. Brigham
1865 Philip W. Howe	1907 H. P. Boynton
1868 L. M. Read	1908 A. W. Butler
1872 J. G. Eddy	1909 E. O. Allen
1873 John Parsons	1910 A. V. D. Piper
1874 John A. Butler	1917 O. V. Hefflon
1876 Mark Livermore	1921 H. M. Kingsbury
1878 L. N. Sprague	1923 H. F. McLean
1879 Geo. M. Ruby	1924 John E. Gleason
1882 F. M. Reed	1925 M. H. Gleason
1885 Alvin Frost	1926 H. C. Williams
1887 Fred B. Pier	1929 John L. Castle
1890 Ransel Frost	1931 Claude F. Gleason
1893 C. W. Ray	1936 Don R. Huntington
1894 H. E. Spencer	1938 Fred M. Butler
1895 F. L. Sprague	1939 S. T. R. Cheney

Order Eastern Star

Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 89

Instituted May 4, 1922. Chose name of Mt. Lebanon Chapter in honor of the local Masonic Lodge. State gave us the number 89.

First officers were:

Mrs. Ruth C. Robinson, Worthy Matron

Dr. O. V. Hefflon, Worthy Patron

Mrs. Minnie L. Butler, Associate Matron

Albert W. Butler, Secretary

Ernest O. Allen, Treasurer

Mrs. Mabel C. Boynton, Conductress

Mrs. Lizzie H. McAllister, Associate Conductress

After working under dispensation for a year the chapter was constituted on August 29, 1923, and given its charter. The same officers were reelected to serve for another year with the exception of Mrs. Ruth P. Butler who was elected Conductress to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Lizzie H. McAllister being automatically demitted by signing a petition for a chapter to be formed in South Londonderry. Forty-three members.

Officers of 1939

Mildred Perry, Worthy Matron

Ralph Daggett, Worthy Patron

Alice Clark, Associate Matron

Arthur Lewis, Associate Patron

Lila Williams, Secretary

Nettie Wheeler, Treasurer

Florence McLean, Conductress

Alice Piper, Associate Conductress

Ruth Butler, Chaplain
 Emma Franklin, Marshal
 Ruth Robinson, Organist
 Florence Crowinshield, Adah
 Jennie Daggett, Ruth
 Eleanore A. Monroe, Esther
 Edith Robinson, Martha
 Vena Lackey, Electa
 Mabel Boynton, Warder
 Harlan Boynton, Sentinel

List of Members of O.E.S.

Florence M. Allen	Lila Kingsbury
Ruth B. Bemis	Earl H. Lackey
Rebecca Benedict	Vena Lackey
Harlan P. Boynton	Arthur L. Lewis
Mabel C. Boynton	Mrs. A. L. Lewis
Carlton Brown	Lucile Marsh
Marion Brown	Florence McLean
Albert B. Butler	Mark McLean
Fred M. Butler	Eleanore A. Monroe
Minnie B. Butler	Emma F. Newell
Ruth Butler	Walie A. Newell
Emma Castle	Mildred Perry
S. T. R. Cheney	Minnie Perry
Alice Clark	Alice Piper
Florence Crowninshield	Arthur V. D. Piper
Mabel Crowninshield	Edith Robinson
Jennie Daggett	Ruth Robinson
Ralph J. Daggett	Adeline Wheeler
Harry Hill	Nettie Wheeler
Ethel Huntington	Ralph Wheeler
Mary Kidder	Theron L. White
Harrison Kingsbury	Hattie Williams

Jamaica Agricultural Society

Officers for 1876

William H. H. Holton, President
 Mark Livermore, Vice-President
 George Kellogg, Secretary
 John C. Robinson, Treasurer
 L. M. Sprague, Marshal
 Lewis Phelps, Supt. of Grounds

Directors for Second Annual Fair

Wednesday, September 27, 1876

Merritt T. Pierce	R. M. Thomas
Isaac N. Coombs	Lewis Phelps
A. O. Coleman	Revilo Howard
F. M. Ryder	R. A. Davidson
W. L. Barnes	

Outdoor Committee

On Horses	Philetus Kellogg
On Cattle	John B. Muzzy
On Sheep	I. N. Coombs
On Swine	
On Poultry	

Indoor Committee

On Produce	Abijah Muzzy
On Tools	E. F. Russell
On Fancy Articles	Mrs. A. T. Atwood
	Mrs. L. A. Robinson
On Household Articles	Mrs. E. G. Pierce
	Mrs. Hattie Amsden

This was a well-governed society and held several successful cattle shows in the good old New England style.

4-H Club, Boys

Jamaica Ginger Boys 4-H Club started when the Rev. Carl D. Lane was pastor of the Federated Church.

The names on the roll were :

Frederic Allen	William Rogers, Jr.
Reginald Bemis	Frank Rush
Raymond Benson	Robert Waite
Wilbur Cheney	Leonard White
Joseph Gavin	Maynard White
David Gray	Ernest Williams

Rev. B. E. Marsh fitted up a workshop upstairs in the barn of the parsonage and under a leader the boys did good work in wood. Alan Bartlett was a leader for a time.

Mr. Marsh acted as councillor for the boys at the State camp at Townshend, and in 1935, having won the baseball contest for the third time, was awarded the silver championship cup of the Windham County 4-H Clubs.

The clubs competing were as follows, the winning club for the season :

- 1930 Peaked Mountain, Townshend
- 1931 Handy Boys, Halifax
- 1932 Round Mountain, Brattleboro
- 1933 Ginger, Jamaica
- 1934 Ginger, Jamaica
- 1935 Ginger, Jamaica

This cup is now in the Memorial Library.

4-H Club, Girls

The Worth While 4-H Club for Girls met and organized February 7, 1934. Eighteen met and chose the following officers :

- President, Beverly Bemis
- Vice-President, Ruth Wilder
- Secretary, Ruth E. Robinson

Treasurer, Leora Cheney
Leader, Mrs. J. S. Robinson

Too many for a successful club, but as some learned that there was a lot to be done if they remained members, the number soon dropped to ten. Several had gotten the idea that it was just for a grand good time and that was all. They were the ones who didn't last. This is the sixth year for the club and there are still three of the original members belonging this year.

Jamaica Republican Club

July 21, 1888

President, Fred L. Sprague
Secretary and Treasurer, J. Q. Shumway
Vice-Presidents, Fred B. Pier, M. L. Boynton, J. C. Robinson
Executive Committee, O. N. Wardwell, Charles Robbins, David Eddy, J. W. Crowninshield, Harvey Howard, Charles Gleason, I. W. Howard, C. H. Landman, W. W. White, William F. Gleason, E. A. Bills, L. T. Landman
Financial Committee, E. L. Phelps

The Benefit Society

At a called meeting held at the town hall May 9, 1914, the society was organized, and the following officers were elected.

President, Mrs. A. W. Butler
Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Boynton
Secretary, Mrs. Jerusha Allen
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith M. Clark
Treasurer, Mrs. Lila Kingsbury

The object of this Society is to promote the welfare of

the village of Jamaica, to beautify its streets, and any public property, and to induce individuals to beautify their homes and grounds, and all to take pride in their village.

Voting members to be women only. Gentlemen to be honorary members.

Monthly meetings are to be held at the homes of the members, or at such place voted at a previous meeting. At the meetings tea will be served, and a charge of 10 cents will be made for each person present.

It was voted at an early meeting that the first money to be spent would be for cement sidewalks, and from September 15, 1914, to September 15, 1915, 2227 feet in length were put in, and from time to time more has been laid, so that now the village has a good showing of cement walks. In order to raise money for this, and other work, they have their fancy work, dinners, suppers, dances, card parties, plays, and other entertainments, and have had Old Home Days.

The Society financed a Historical Pageant, August 7, 1930, to commemorate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Jamaica.

About 1200 people came, and although it rained about 4 P.M. most stayed until the end. There was no admission fee, and no charge for parking.

Some of the work done by the Society: paying part of the electric light plant for the Congregational Church and the town hall, providing tables and benches at the Salmon Hole, repairing and painting the library building, buying books for the library, part of the cost of painting the town hall, putting shrubs at the Congregational Church, having the road signs painted and put up, cleaning cemetery for Memorial Day, cleaning the fire cistern. The Society has spent nearly \$6000 for this work since it was organized.



By Lewis R. Brown.

EARLY SETTLERS, PAGEANT.



By H. L. Chapman.

AUDIENCE AT SALMON HOLE, PAGEANT.

Benefit Society Members

Abbott, Mrs. Andrew	Howard, Miss Stella
Allen, Mrs. E. O.	Knight, Mrs. Rixford
Allen, Miss Lillian	McLean, Miss Helen
Allen, Mrs. W. O.	Monroe, Mrs. Eleanore A.
Bartlett, Mrs. F. W.	Muzzy, Mrs. Elnora
Bemis, Miss Beverly	Perry, Mrs. B. L.
Bemis, Mrs. L. W.	Perry, Mrs. Merton
Booker, Mrs. W. E.	Piper, Mrs. A. V. D.
Boynton, Mrs. H. P.	Robinson,
Butler, Mrs. F. M.	Miss Elizabeth R.
Castle, Mrs. John	Robinson, Mrs. J. S.
Chase, Mrs. F. A.	Robinson, Miss Mary
Cheney, Miss Leora	Robinson, Mrs. Roe
Clark, Mrs. Charles S.	Rue, Miss Bessie
Clark, Miss Edith M.	Rogers, Mrs. Will
Connolly, Mrs. Will	Rush, Mrs. Will
Crowninshield, Mrs. Alfred	Smith, Miss Jeralda
Crowninshield,	Tay, Mrs. Jennie
Mrs. Marcus T.	Watts, Miss Eunice
Crowninshield, Mrs. Wallace	Watts, Miss Harriet
Ellis, Miss Mary F.	Williams, Mrs. Henry
Garfield, Mrs. Fannie B.	Wolff, Miss Gladys
Girard, Mrs. Joe	Wolff, Mrs. Max
Hefflon, Mrs. O. V.	

Honorary Members

Abbott, Andrew	Butler, Wayne
Allen, E. O.	Boynton, F. M.
Bemis, E. E.	Boynton, H. P.
Butler, A. W.	Piper, A. V. D.
Butler, F. M.	Robinson, J. S.
Butler, Prentiss	Robinson, Roe

OLD HOME DAY CELEBRATIONS

*Remarks on Jamaica, Vermont, August 1914 by Judge
F. M. Butler of Rutland, Vermont*

Jamaica lies about 72 degrees west longitude, and about 42 degrees north latitude. It has been said, "East Jamaica is the center of the Universe." Like Rome, all roads lead to East Jamaica, and Jamaica Village is only about four miles distant. You can go anywhere from Jamaica. We are in the same latitude of the great city of Paris—the emporium of fashion and finance, and about half way between it and the "Golden Gate." We can boast of the same latitude as the Mormon City of Ogden, on the Great Salt Lake, the seat of the Mormon, who claims Vermont as his birthplace, and on the direct line from Boston to Montreal. While not a great Metropolis in the modern sense, it can boast of the best people on earth and hope for the highest degree of civilization and culture. If we hope to improve on the natural, we must get close to nature, and here we can do it to perfection.

Jamaica, sealed in blood, born under strenuous circumstances, sustained and nurtured by forest and stream, she flourished in her mountain fastnesses, until the chinking of gold in the great northwest was distinctly heard over her mountains and up her fertile valleys. Before, however, the incentive had attained much force, she heard her country's call. Freely she poured out her blood on the altar of her country, when she heard the call to the boys of '61, and the record of her population and her resources tells the sad story of the consequences.

Blood is the essence of life, and seals the destinies of Nations. It signifies the genuineness of the most sacred documents and testifies to the truth of the Book of Books. Within one thousand yards of the church, the blood of the first white man saturated the sacred soil and may be called the "Seal of the Town."

Buried beneath the turf, in the summer of 1748, lie the remains of four of Major Melvin's heroes. While on their way from the foot of Lake Champlain to Fort Dummer, resting their weary limbs near the confluence of Ball Mountain Brook, and the West River, Major Melvin, with eighteen men were attacked by a party of savage Indian warriors, who, though surprised, made a gallant defense. Six of their number were killed, while the others

made their escape. John Haywood, Isaac Taylor, John Dodge, David Mann were subsequently buried in the meadow near the river. The Baptist cemetery is not far from the spot, but no monument yet marks the site.

This was more than twenty-five years before the first settlement was made in this town, and while the green hillsides and fertile valleys were then a dense forest. More than twenty-five years before New York State offered its \$500.00 reward for the arrest of the gallant Col. Ethan Allen, and forty years before the first highway was opened for travel from the Townshend line to the old Peaked Rock, where the covered bridge now stands over West River. It was in 1790 that this road was extended to the Winhall Line. No bridge, however, for many years thereafter, was provided for the safe and comfortable passage of the traveler.

Chartered by the General Assembly, on November 7th, 1780, Jamaica comprised about 29,000 acres. It was a part of six grants, formerly named by the Governor of New York, but our revered Governor, Thomas Chittenden, by the authority vested in him, on the 7th of November, 1780, signed a grant to Samuel Fletcher, of Townshend, and sixty-seven others, conveying to them, this then, unappropriated territory. Thomas Chittenden, John Butler, Jabes Butler, and Ira Allen were among the number. Suspicion of graft was never once indulged in, although the grant ran to the Governor, himself, with the others, and no one ever accused the sixty-eight of paying for it in the coin of the realm. Their valuable services, however, were adequate compensation. Only twelve families then resided within the confines, and some of them didn't know it. Benjamin Fuller's house was the town house where they first met to organize.

Aaron Butler, born in the log house, under the shadow of the steep mountain, on the east side of the river, July 24th, 1783, spent his youth tilling that farm for his widowed mother. The trail from Fort Dummer to Lake Champlain then crossed the Green Mountains, through the present village of Jamaica, and along the westerly side of the river and crossed it by means of a ford, above the well known Peaked Rock. I have heard him repeat many times, the perils experienced while the waters were at flood height, in transporting travelers across the river in his log

canoe for a six-pence or four-pence, half penny. It was no big price for the risk, but when the horn blew, which was left on the tree of the fordway, for the traveler's convenience, he felt bound to respond, though the peril might be ever so great.

His father, Aaron Sr., was ensign in a Connecticut Regiment, belonging to the Continental Army. He was discharged by the expiration of his time of service from Company Six, of the 8th Regiment, Connecticut Line, on Dec. 18th, 1775, and soon after, with his wife, he settled in the heart of the dense forest, on the meadow close to the foot of the mountain above the Peaked Rock, on the east side of the West River. Here they made a clearing and erected a log cabin. Three or four of their children were born in this cabin. The husband had re-enlisted, and was home very little. He died on the 12th of March, 1787, leaving four small children. While the husband was engaged in the army, his wife cleared and cultivated the field and cared for her family.

Game was abundant, fish plentiful in the river, from which she supplied herself as the occasion required. Anne Story had her cave, but Thankful Butler made her fortress, her cabin. The black bear, the catamount and the wolf were not uncommon visitors. The catamount was regarded as exceedingly vicious, and wolves, when hungry, and assembled in packs seeking prey, were frightfully so. It is said that at times they had no hesitation of entering the dwelling house without invitation, when opportunity offered. My grandfather has told me the tale of an evening when he was a small boy, just as the sun was losing itself over the tree tops, looking up the valley to the westward, strange, but familiar sounds were heard in the distance. They came nearer. They listened at the corners of the house. The mother was alone with her four children, who were playing among the trees at the time. She called to the children and sent them inside, cautioning them to keep quiet. She took down her gun and waited in the doorway in silence. Not a sound was heard, save the dull moan of the evergreen and the frightful howl. Closer and closer came the pack of hungry wolves, howling and sniffing the air as they approached. Louder and louder they howled. It seemed as though there were hundreds joining the pack from every direction. The children held their breath. She waited in silence. When

the fire of their eyes came within her vision she blazed away from her doorstep. The next morning, for no one ventured out that night, they found one of the pack lying dead before their door to tell the tale of what had happened. Many other interesting tales of adventure, deprivations and hardships, I have heard from the lips of my grandfather, who died at the mature age of 94.

It was but a few years earlier that William Howard, with his two sons, Caleb and Silas, made the first clearing within the limits of this town. They each erected houses near what is now the Wardsboro Station, and it is said, moved into their houses on the 16th day of June, 1775, the very day of the great Battle of Bunker Hill, and with great enthusiasm claimed they distinctly heard the roar of the cannon on that memorial day.

With only eleven or twelve families in town, the proprietors organized their township, September 3d, 1781. They had at a previous meeting appointed their surveyor and a committee to divide the town into lots. They voted that this committee for the lotting of the township should consist of five, and they should be paid 2 pounds and 2 shillings per week, and also for travel. It was also voted "that silver money and Vermont currency" should be used "as a tender to the proprietors's collector and no other." Continental currency was of doubtful value. Vermont had but recently declared her independence, January 15th, 1777, and the value of her money might well have been questioned.

Bankbills, the money of other states were in circulation. Many were counterfeit, some were by banks that had failed. The only remedy left to Vermont was to establish her own currency. It was not until April, 1781, that she first issued currency in bills, and her loyal citizens were ready to enforce their acceptance as money.

At the June session of the Legislature, 1785, Reunen Harmon, Jr., of Rupert, was granted the exclusive right to coin copper in this state for a term of two years, from and after the following July.

At the organization of this town, the civil government of the State of Vermont, was of vital public interest, and William Harrison Church was appointed the first Representative, notwith-

standing Townshend had, the year before, unwittingly selected a Jamaica man to represent her at the Legislature. It was during the year 1781 that 35 Representatives on the east side of the Connecticut River in the present State of New Hampshire, took their seats in the Legislature of Vermont, and it was that same year that the towns between the Hudson River and the present western boundary of this State, applied for admission to this commonwealth. It was that year that Canada began the intrigue through Beverly Robinson, to take over this State into the King's Dominion. This was previous to the time when Col. Ethan Allen, so many times rebuffed by Congress, had the courage to confront that body with the assertion, "I am as resolutely determined to defend the Independence of Vermont, as Congress is that of the United States, and rather than fail, I will retire with the Green Mountain Boys into the desolate caverns of the mountains and wage war with human nature."

It was within two months, prior to the granting of this charter, Congress having ignored the organization of the State of Vermont, both New York and New Hampshire claiming title thereto. Against the vigorous protest of the agents of this State, Col. Allen told the Congress, that if she continued to exercise her unjust policies, the people of this State "stand ready to appeal to God and the World, who must be accountable for the awful consequences which must ensue."

The value of her forests and fields began to be known abroad. The citizens began to feel that good government was assured and prosperity, such as had never before been known, came to her towns and hillsides. Jamaica, with the other towns in this State, began to increase her population and wealth. For more than sixty years there seems to have been hardly a recession. In 1850, her population is given at 1606. Her grand list in 1841 had, however, reached its height of \$7,872.00. Her assessed valuation \$787,200.00. Highways had been constructed through all her valleys, and along her hillsides, until she had probably the greatest mileage of any town in the county. Only three (3) towns today, in the county have greater mileage. In fact, she has more miles of highway to the dollar of grand list than any other town in the county.

The old cellar holes on her hillsides, the decaying orchards, and the almost interminable miles of stonewall, tell the irrefutable tale of the industry and thrift of her own ever increasing population. The people seem to almost forget that she was being rapidly drained of her wealth, and that a climax must needs come. From 1850 to 1860, while the clouds of the Civil War were gathering thick and fast, the town seems to have stood trembling at the very zenith of her wealth, population and power, hesitating whether to go backward or forward. Her population was given in 1860 as 1541, less than a hundred difference from that of 1850. Her wealth was practically the same. During this time her water power was beginning to be developed. Manufacturing of lumber was flourishing. Hides and leather were being manufactured for market. They little realized what was to follow.

On the 14th of April, 1861, when Fort Sumter fell, excitement ran high. She heard the call for 75,000 volunteers and answered. She was an inland town, no railroads, no telegraph, no telephone, no automobiles or balloons. All the news came by the slow course of the stage-coach, and her merchandise reached her by the six-horse teams. But the New York papers were eagerly sought, and the post-office was the center of excited crowds when the stage rolled in. Her interest in the Civil War was second to no town in the county. One-tenth in number of her population, within the next four years, she sent to the front. 160 names appear on the roll, her total voting strength today, women omitted. No town was more generous with her soldiers. She voted bounties, as high as \$500.00 each, to save the draft and fill her quota, until the public men of the county held their breath and exclaimed that she would be bankrupt. Nearly every man was enthusiastic, optimistic and loyal to the northern cause. She was justly proud of her record. There were just enough "Copper-heads" in town for amusement.

It was a year or two afterwards when the bitterness towards the "Copper-heads" had reached its height. I must tell a story of a scene which I well remember, although I do not recollect that it has been publicly repeated. Some of you, no doubt, will be able to verify its accuracy. The Jamaica company of enlisted men were training backwards and forwards, up and down the Main

Street, past the hotel, commanded by their officers, and led by the stirring music of a snare-drum and two fifes. Dr. Joel Holton, straight, tall, and handsomely built, played the snare-drum, Zelotus and Edmond Skinner, then vigorous and active, and full of enthusiasm, played their fifes. A United States Flag was strung upon a rope from the Muzzy store to the Holton house and swung over the center of the Main Street. I had come to the village with my father to see the training and hear the music. I stood in front of the Muzzy store with a large crowd of other boys, a little ahead, of course, of the old men, watching the proceedings. A neighbor had also come to the village for the same purpose. He was then a man of middle age, strong, vigorous, with a full long beard, broad shouldered, well built and would weigh probably 200 pounds. He had been talking quite loud and was the center of a small knot of men. The boys said he was a "copper-head." He declared that the soldiers were going South to commit murder for a few d——d niggers, and Jamaica would pay for it. I comprehended but little of the force of the few things I heard and fewer things I remembered, but the following circumstance I shall never forget. He stood in the center of a little group of men near the Muzzy store as the company marched rapidly past the hotel and under the flag to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." They swung out into line and halted under the flag. The music stopped—they broke ranks—then rushed up to the Muzzy store. The boys scattered, and I with the rest. They seized our neighbor, some by the whiskers, some by the shoulders, some by the arms, and forcibly led him down under the flag. They put his hat in his hand and commanded him to give three cheers for the flag. He hesitated. My hair stood up. I was frightened almost to death. They pulled his whiskers, and lifted him from behind for I saw their boots come away from him—they didn't wear shoes then—and repeatedly commanded him to cheer. The leader started him off with "Hip-Hip" and he cheered for the flag and he cheered, and he cheered again. Between every cheer they commanded him to cheer louder and encouraged him from behind and from in front, winding up with a tiger. Everybody held their breath while he cheered. It was amusing to the boys to hear the "old copper-head" yelling at the top of his voice, in the middle of the street, "Three cheers for the flag, Hoorah, Hoorah, Hoorah!" In less time than it



TURKEYS.



PART OF HERD, COWS.



By W. E. Booker.

JAMAICA FARMER AND TEAM, 1890.

takes to tell it, the bugle called, the soldiers rushed for the line, the command was given, three cheers went up for the flag from the "boys of 61," and the vigorous marching and countermarching went on as if nothing had interrupted. Every young man seemed anxious to go to war. The boys, younger of course, imitated their training as part of their sport.

Notwithstanding the ravages of war, business began to boom. Prices of everything increased tremendously. Horses were wanted for the cavalry. Cattle, for beef, and sheep for mutton. Within a few years wool was selling from 90c to \$1.00 a pound, and every farmer with a large flock of sheep seemed to have a fortune in prospect. On every hillside to the very peak, the pastures were covered with flocks.

The debt of Jamaica had become enormous. Soon after the close of the war, strenuous effort was made to reduce it. The seeming prosperity and wealth that poured into this town was like a phantom. It faded away like the dews of the morning. In ten years the population of Jamaica had decreased about one-fourth so that in 1870 the census gave a population of but 1223. Her manufacturing plants began to close. Her tanneries could not compete with the world.

Some inroads had been made into the war debt, when one morning a cloud appeared. The heavens grew dark and the rain began to fall. It was the terrible flood of '69 that was approaching. A mile of bridges were swept away, and the highways made the bed of the river. Thousands and thousands of dollars of damage to Jamaica, its highways and bridges, were added to her obligations in a single night. It was at this time that her foremost citizen, William H. Carr, a deputy sheriff, went down in the covered bridge over Ball Mountain Brook, in the streets of this village, and his body was recovered some days afterwards, within a few rods of the mouth of the Turkey Mountain Brook at East Jamaica. The covered bridge at the Peaked Rock came sailing down on its roof and side into the meadows opposite the East Jamaica School House, while the scholars on the bank watched and wondered if there was any truth in the sign of the rainbow. This covered bridge was afterwards taken to pieces and rebuilt with the same old timber on its present site where it stands today.

When the civil strife was over the free homesteads in the west,

the fertile prairie and the pioneer disposition of her young men and maidens made irresistible appeals. The opening up of the Great West sapped all New England of her best blood and treasure. The sons and daughters of the east left the old homestead, and struck out for themselves, and when the course of life had ended, no one was left to fill the places made vacant. But no man will be able to estimate the thousands of dollars sent from the old home to assist the boys whose high hopes of an eldorado were suddenly blasted.

But the "Copper-head" wholly misconceived the cause and purpose of that terrible strife. It was a war of self preservation, to preserve and establish freedom and liberty by an indissoluble union from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf to Canada, through which the Mississippi might flow unvexed to the sea. The record of the men of Jamaica who responded to their country's call has never been fully written, but it was no mean one. On the contrary it is a record to which the future generations will point with pride.

It was then, I believe, that Horace Greeley, in his New York Tribune, then the standard of authority of every thrifty farmer in Vermont, tendered his slogan "Go west young man." It was a popular phrase. The sons and daughters of Vermont, with those of the New England States, became infected with the disease. Prices of farms, cattle, wool, butter, and every product of the farm, was rapidly decreasing in value, and with the boys away, when the old man stepped out, there was no one ready to purchase the farm. Its value was cut in half. The debt of the town was still staring the farmer in the face. He could no longer pay, with the depreciated "greenback" for the Congress decreed a resumption of specie payment and gold again became the standard. With Herculean effort, the men and women whose environment, health and business were such as to prevent emigration, taxed themselves to the limit, and again reduced the war debt. What a cruel thrust was that slogan "Go west young man," but Uncle Sam's "homestead act" was still more terrible, it giving to every soldier and sailor a large tract of land in the great west. An invitation and reward to leave home forever. The Congress began from that time to make laws for the west at the expense of New England.

For the last forty years the east has been robbed, under the forms of law, to build and develop her great voluptuous sisters of the west without a murmur. Our own noble representatives have been deceived and misled into voting away our own prosperity. Taxed as we were, not only to build the dikes on the Mississippi, to protect and reclaim thousands of acres, and to irrigate millions of acres in the great west, we have been asked to invest in, oh yes, compelled to take stock in a thousand-mile railroad in Alaska. Do we realize that much of the greater portion of this money comes from New England and the east? The operation of the Government Income Tax is a good illustration. We can hardly complain of the robbery if we open the door and bid him enter, even though his argument is persuasive and eloquent.

Ultimately it will not help the Great States or the great railroads of the west to destroy the states and of the east that built them, but O, how long suffering and patient must we be? Must we wait until our towns are depopulated and grown again to forests, before we can persuade this great Government to be honest and reciprocate by laws equally favoring New England and the west?

Jamaica's shops, her tanneries, and her mills, were operating intermittently but the expense of transportation prevented fair competition with the world around her. Her school children were drifting away and her school-houses were going to decay. Schools which once flourished with 25 to 50 pupils could muster but 5 or 10. School districts had to be consolidated and some schools became extinct. It was urged upon the people, that railroad facilities were necessary.

Nothing less than rail transportation could save the town from bankruptcy. Authority was given by the Legislature and the old town in the throes of despair voted bonds to the extent of eight times her grand list to provide such facilities. It was declared that there was no great loss without some small gain, and if she had no other help or return from the railroad stock with which to pay the debt, she would certainly be able to tax the right-of-way, the two stations at Jamaica and East Jamaica and such other property as the railroad would bring. With a hint of Railroad Shops at Jamaica values would increase. This turned out to be wholly fallacious. Then came the crisis of 1882. Almost before

the ink was dry on the shares of stock and before the railroad was completed, the Legislature of the State of Vermont passed a law in 1882, providing that all railroad property so used should be taxed upon its gross earnings and the money be paid into the State Treasury. The best part of her meadows, of her river farms, came out of her grand list. The debt had mounted up by leaps and bounds. The State had taken part of her property with which she was to pay it and has never repaid it to her. When the good men voted the \$33,000 to aid the Railroad they were taxed to the town on an appraised valuation. Had that policy been continued the taxes at the present rate would have wholly paid the debt. The present appraisal of the West River Railroad is more than \$12,000 per mile. There is at least 6 miles in this town or a valuation of \$72,000. Taxes at half your present rate of taxation would bring around \$1200 a year. This right of way was your property when this debt was contracted. The State took it by force but it didn't pay your debt. Was not this legalized larceny?

In 1908 the Legislature attempted in a measure to make restitution but it failed by the veto of the Governor. The press was all too powerful and the Governor too zealous for popular favor. I hold that no state can afford to commit robbery, although it legalizes it when it takes away the means with which you can pay your honest debt and yet compels you to pay that debt.

This was your property. The State laid its heavy hand upon you and took it out of your list by force. It has never made restitution. Confiscation is larceny. No subterfuge can change its character. It is as wicked and reprehensible for a government to take a canal or a railroad, the property of a town or municipality, as for an individual to steal your money. It is no less reprehensible to take your money by force and use it to offer premiums to the young men of the East to forsake their homes to build and develop the lands, thus by force to take your town, or any part of it, without providing remuneration.

But what makes a town prosperous and happy is unity of ideal, purpose and effort. The people of Vermont only became a State by their United Resolve to defend their homes against the courts of Albany made up of Claimants to her soil.

Let her not be carried away by oriental customs, put forth as slogans of reform, but when urged to take bricks from the walls of scientific constitutional government, and weaken the structure of constitutional liberty, for which she fought and bled, let her remember the heroic words of Allen so often quoted, "The gods of the valley are not the gods of the hills."

The wealth of the town, after all, is the character of her people. Incubated in the home of industry, frugality and truth; brooded under the wing of faith; fed at the breast of hope; and sustained by the fellowship of love, character will ring true and the people will be prosperous and happy so long as faith, hope, and love shall unite and not disappear from her firesides.

"Pity the child that must blush for his parents. Envy the man who is proud of his race and his home. The son who forgets his father will soon be forgotten by his children." The child who forgets the place of his birth is unworthy to be remembered by it. It is said that the patriarchs were wont to weave reverence and romance about the sepulchers where the bones of their ancestors lie buried. Bethlehem has become sacred. Our Bethlehem should touch the tender spot of our nature.

Speech by Judge Fred M. Butler, at Jamaica, Vt., on Old Home Day, August 10, 1922.

Let me say to you, in a word, that the people of this old town are not a whit behind the generations that have passed on. The resources of the town are not exhausted. You have the ability and resources at hand which may yet be developed to make this a thrifty, prosperous and happy people. This town will never be a metropolis until the aeroplane is the common public conveyance; your highways are built of cement or rubber; your freight comes and goes by motor truck or wireless, and your houses are heated and lighted by radio. When that time comes steam railroading will be a lost art.

The source of all power is electrical energy. Within your limits you have an immense supply of this energy stored up among these hills, waiting to be harnessed. A power, almost, if not quite, equal to any in the county.

Your bridges on the main highways, above 10 feet span, should

be taken over, inspected, built and protected by the state. They were never built to sustain the present traffic. The automobiles and auto-trucks are an added burden for which the towns should not be liable to provide.

It was 45 years ago this present month that I packed my little trunk with a few handkerchiefs, collars and shirts, and three or four books, took the stage coach across the Green Mountains to a land of strangers, seeking, not a fortune, but a subsistence for myself and little family. I was unacquainted with a person west of the Green Mountains, save one whom I had met but a few months before.

At that time, Jamaica was a back town, no railroads, no telegraph, no telephones, no automobiles, no aeroplanes. The only public conveyance was by stage coach, and for freight the 6-horse team. The War of 1861 had left us with a heavy debt, and a population reduced from 1541, in 1860, to about 1000, in 1877. This old town, however, was left in good hands; there was no place for me; two able lawyers occupied the field; among them was Judge Waterman, who sits beside me, with whom I had completed my law course (so if I lack in qualifications, you must charge it up to him).

I left many able, thrifty, active men such as Abijah Muzzy, Judge Hoyt H. Wheeler, Dr. Joel Holton, Maj. W. H. H. Holton, Hon. Daniel Sherwin, Zelotus Skinner, Edmond Skinner, Asa Felton, Henry Felton, John Muzzy, Pheletus Kellogg, L. N. Sprague, John Q. Shumway, my father, and scores of others, all dead now, except Judge Waterman, and he left town. He was not to blame for that for circumstances warranted it. All these men were of mature age, and deeply interested in its welfare. The generation that had prospered in times past, from 1790, when the first highway, from the Peaked Rock, at the West River bridge to Winhall line, was built, then, had all passed away. On top of the large war debt, the great flood of 1869, in which a mile of bridges were swept away, had left the town loaded with a tremendous debt. They were then struggling for an outlet by railroad, afterwards built, for which the town bonded 8 times its grand list, so that, at one time, there was a mortgage of \$2.00 upon every acre of land in town to cover its indebtedness.

When I addressed you eight years ago, at your first Old Home Day August 1914, this debt had been largely reduced, and I am told today that this debt has been almost completely discharged. You have borne the load bravely and successfully. You are to be congratulated. New energy has moved forward with great strides.

I am glad of an opportunity to supplement what I have already said at the Old Home Day celebration, notwithstanding my time is limited. When I learned that there were several good men present who we all hope to hear from, and of the ball game now on, I begin to wonder where my allotted fifteen minutes comes in. I assure you I shall be exceedingly brief. As requested, however, I must take the time to say that I am glad to meet you, and greet you, on this Old Home Day, to which I have been so cordially invited.

*“There is no friend like an old friend,
Who shared our morning days;
No welcome like his greeting,
No homage like his praise.”*

When I visit this amphitheatre and look upon these green hills and the rippling brooks, your wide streets, the old hotel, and old, but comfortable dwellings, and see your cheerful faces, although unfamiliar, I count you all as old friends and deem it a great privilege to enjoy your personal acquaintance. With your resources, energy and ability and push, it is within your power to be thrifty, prosperous and happy.

1780——1930

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HISTORICAL PAGEANT OF JAMAICA

Presented at Salmon Hole

Scene of the Indian Raid

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1930

JAMAICA, VERMONT

PROGRAM

9.00 A.M.	.	.	.	.	Band Concert
10.00 A.M.	.	.	.	.	Ball Game
					West Dummerston
					vs.
					West River Valley
11.00 to 2.00	.	.	.	.	Dinner
					BAND CONCERT
2.30 P.M.	.	.	.		Historical Pageant
5.30 to 7.30	.	.	.	.	Supper
8.15	.	.	.	.	Play and Dance

“EUREKA AWAKES”

Miss Edith Clarke, Coach

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Bob Mannion, editor of the “Eureka News”	Rex Coleman
Jimmy Samson, whose business is waking up towns	Ray Wilder
Jud Fenton, a town character who has scruples against working	R. J. Daggett
John Wargrim, a power in the state who controls and dominates Eureka	E. O. Allen
Peggy Acton, who arrived in Eureka three months before	Mildred Perry
Virgy Mannion, Bob’s snappy sister	Alice Clark
Mrs. Nelson Dodd, a would-be social power in Eureka, and the president of the Uplift Society	Ruth Robinson
Marcia Wargrim, daughter of John Wargrim	Florence McLean

Time: The Present

Place: The Town of Eureka

Scene: Office of the “Eureka News”

PROLOGUE

“This celebration day
 Is filled with visionary forms that pass
 Before our sight as in some magic glass.
 Along the horizon gray
 The dim procession of Ancestral shades
 Appears, dissolves, and fades,
 Grave, sad-robed fathers of the Church and State,
 Matrons and mothers, mild-eyed and sedate,
 And sober-suited youths and home-bred maids,
 Pledged to maintain inviolate
 New England’s earliest dearest heritage,—
 The faith and conduct of that sterner age.”

Episode I

Directed by A. B. Stark

FATHER TIME

“Time flies we say—but ’tis not so
Time stays—Alas! ’tis we that go.”

Episode II

Directed by S. T. R. Cheney

INDIAN RAID

The first event of historic importance occurring in Jamaica was the Indian Raid. Capt. Eleazer Melvin in command of a scouting party of 18 men, met in the vicinity of Lake Champlain, a larger force of Indians than they could cope with, and so retreated towards Fort Dummer, along the valleys of Otter Creek and West River. Being nearly out of provisions they halted in this town a short distance above the mouth of Bald Mountain Brook to shoot salmon in the river. Here they were overtaken by the Indians who fired upon the party from ambush, four men being killed at the first volley. Though taken by surprise, the little party rallied and charged the Indians, killing several; but after losing two more men, the soldiers scattered through the forest and fled, reaching Fort Dummer the next day.

Episode III

Directed by Mr. & Mrs. Merle Landman, Rawsonville

EARLY SETTLERS

Featuring a song and dance of pioneer time and the old-fashioned method of punishment for unfortunate culprits.

Episode IV

COLONIAL PERIOD

The various activities of Colonial Life are represented: a woman spinning, settler bringing grain from mill, children danc-



By Lewis R. Brown.

MINUET DANCE, PAGEANT.



By Lewis R. Brown.

TEA PARTY, PAGEANT.

ing to old-fashioned music, women at tea party and a stately minuet.

Scene 1. Home Life	.	.	.	Mrs. Ruth Robinson
Scene 2. Tea Party	.	.	.	Mrs. Mabel Boynton
Scene 3. Minuet	.	.	.	Mrs. Mildred Perry

Episode V

Directed by Mrs. R. J. Daggett

EARLY HISTORICAL CHARACTERS

Impersonating Jamaica's first Tavern-keeper and wife, Doctor, Town Clerk, Lawyer, School-master, Minister and Bank President.

Scene 1:

- a. Tavern-keeper, "John Wellman" . . . Jud Benson
- b. Tavern-keeper's wife . . . Mrs. R. J. Daggett
- c. Doctor, "Dr. Nathan Weeks"
S. T. R. Cheney, a great grandson
- d. Lawyer, "Hon. John E. Butler"
Wayne Butler, a descendant, E. Jamaica
- e. Pres. Jamaica Savings Bank, "William Harris"
J. A. Muzzy

Scene 2. Town Clerk, "William Harrison Church"

Harry Sherwin

Scene 3. School-master, "Zelotes Skinner"

Clarence Pierce

Scene 4. Marriage:

Minister, "Rev. Elder Simeon Coombs"	.	.	.	John Wolcott
Bride	.	.	.	Miss Eleanor M. Allen
Bridegroom	.	.	.	E. O. Allen

Episode VI

Scene 1.

Directed by Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Lane

WAR OF 1812

Under the call for troops in 1812, Jamaica was called upon to furnish six privates and one sergeant. No one responded to the call therefore a draft was ordered and as the day arrived for carrying it into effect the people of the town assembled to witness the proceedings. Before commencing, a request was made for volunteers, when Nathaniel Vial promptly stepped forward and enlisted. Others then immediately followed, completing the number of privates. A sergeant was then chosen by lot.

Scene 2.

Directed by Mrs. Ruth Butler, E. Jamaica

CIVIL WAR

Jamaica's interest in the Civil War was SECOND to no town in the county, ONE-TENTH in number of her population she sent to the front. There were just enough "Copper-heads" in town for amusement, and the following incident is told of one. The Jamaica company of enlisted men were training up and down the main street when a "Copper-head" was discovered among the spectators. The company immediately broke ranks and seized this "Copper-head," some by the whiskers, some by the shoulders, some by the arms, and forcibly led him down under the flag and compelled him to give three cheers. Then in less time than it takes to tell it, the soldiers were again in line marching as if nothing had interrupted.

Scene 3. WORLD WAR

Directed by Dr. O. V. Hefflon

Scene 4. WORLD WAR, FLANDER'S FIELD

Directed by Mrs. Edna Crowninshield

Episode VII

PEACE

Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty and Liberty brings Peace.



By Lewis R. Brown.

MAPLE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

FLOATS

Industry :

Sugaring	.	.	.	.	Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Twing
Ferning	.	.	.	.
Woodworking	.	.	.	.	Perry & Gleason Mfg. Co.

Patriotic	.	.	.	.	Directed by Mrs. Emma Cooke
Uncle Sam	.	.	.	.	Tyler Waite
America	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Emma Cooke
England	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Cornelia Weakly
France	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Beatrice Bemis
Italy	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Dorothy Waite
Belgium	.	.	.	.	Miss Mary Robinson
Japan	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Nellie Cheney
Germany	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Lila Williams
Red Cross Nurses	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Jennie Tay
					Mrs. Grace Cheney
					Mrs. Mary Rush
					Miss Fannie Ballard

Ensemble—Band—Chorus—America

Historical Pageant Sponsored by

JAMAICA BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee: Pres., Ruth Robinson; Vice-Pres., Mabel Boynton; Sec., Fannie Ballard; Treas., Lila Williams.

General Committee: Ray Wilder, Ralph Wheeler, and Wayland Newell.

Pageant Committee: Florence M. Allen, Dr. W. E. Booker, Alice Piper, Brattleboro.

Historical Censors: Florence M. Allen, Edith M. Clarke, Jennie Daggett, Dr. W. E. Booker.

Announcer: Rev. Carl D. Lane.

Pageant Grounds. Dr. W. E. Booker, Wayland Newell, A. B. Stark.

Casting and Costume Committee: Florence Allen, Edith Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. R. Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Landman, Ruth Robinson, Mabel Boynton, Mildred Perry, Jennie Daggett, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Lane, Ruth Butler, Dr. O. V. Hefflon, Edna Crowninshield, Emma Cooke.

Decoration Committee: Irene Hefflon.

Dinner: Mildred Hirt.

Supper: Gladys Wolfe.

Fancy Work: Mrs. W. E. Booker, Mrs. B. L. Perry.

Entertainment Committee: Dr. O. V. Hefflon, E. O. Allen, Ruth Butler.

Traffic Officer: R. H. Wheeler.

Jamaica Dramatic Club was organized in 1875 with the following officers: William J. Howe, Manager; F. L. Sprague, Secretary; F. E. Smith, Treasurer; E. F. Russell, Stage Manager; C. S. Clark, Door Keeper; M. F. Howard, Door Keeper; Philetus Kellogg, C. S. Clark, Miss Ella Howe, Prudential Committee.

In 1880 the club purchased the Universalist Church building from the pew owners, built a stage on the back end of the building, slated, repaired, and painted it, and used it as a public hall and presented many plays, the most popular were: "The Finger of Scorn," "Under the Laurels," "Royal Guest," "The Octoroon," "Under the Gas Light," "Among the Breakers," "Foiled," "Clouds," "Forced to the Wall," "Tony the Convict," "In the Enemy's Camp."

February 21, 1921. The club presented the building to the town, with restrictions which were acceptable to the selectmen, and it has been used as the town hall ever since.

Members of Dramatic Club

C. S. Clark	Mattie J. Sage
F. L. Sprague	Mrs. Fred Howard
F. D. Reed	Gracie Sherwin
M. F. Howard	Charles W. Ray
W. G. Shaffner	George L. Scott
F. E. Smith	Geo. M. Butler
M. E. Allen	David Eddy
P. Kellogg	William Cheney
W. J. Howe	Samuel Cheney
J. A. Butler	W. A. Cutler
C. W. Reed	W. T. Haigh
E. F. Ramsdell	Oscar A. Tanner
Fred Howard	Harry Sherwin
Albert Barnes	Leon E. Wardwell
W. H. Wellman	Alvin Frost
J. L. Knowlton	C. H. Allen
W. W. Waterman	B. M. Allen
E. S. Phelps	R. J. Daggett
M. H. Johnson	Earl H. Gleason
G. W. Holton	Ben F. Howard
Harvey Sanders	Ernest O. Allen
H. F. Wolcott	Frank N. Cummings
O. M. Wardwell	C. B. Doane
Myrtil Kellogg	R. J. Frost
Susie Boutell	S. Geo. Aiken
Ruth Robinson	H. P. Boynton
Mrs. F. D. Reed	H. M. Kingsbury
Mrs. M. F. Howard	Hallie Sprague
Emma O. Skinner	Carroll Robinson
Lottie O. Reed	John S. Robinson
Eunice A. Sage	L. R. Barnes
Mrs. R. Kellogg	Floyd Clark
Mrs. W. J. Howe	Pearl Stark
Della M. Sage	Edgar Soper
Mrs. C. W. Reed	C. L. Sargent

Arthur Cheney	Della M. Harrington
Leon W. Bemis	Albert W. Butler
Ethel Cooley	Minnie B. Butler
Nellie M. Barnes	Mabel Sage
Irene D. Gleason	Ella L. Howe
Mabel C. Gleason	Florence Muzzy
Charlotte W. Russell	Mrs. L. R. Barnes
Carrie Allen	Mrs. E. H. Gleason
Lillian M. Allen	Mrs. Pearl Stark
Minnie B. Allen	Mary Robinson
Jennie A. Day	Mrs. C. L. Sargent
Fannie J. Ballard	Mrs. Arthur Cheney
Florence J. Cheney	Mrs. Leon W. Bemis
Mrs. C. B. Doane	Lila Kingsbury
George A. Harrington	

—IN THE—

ENEMY'S CAMP

OR THE STOLEN DESPATCHES

—at—

OPERA HALL, JAMAICA

Friday Eve, Dec. 18, 1890

Cast of Characters

Capt. Malcolm Oliphant, a Union officer	W. L. Phelps
Gen. Kerr, a Union officer	C. E. Grout
Col. Strang, a Union officer and traitor	H. J. Ramsdell
Strathroy, a Rebel spy	W. T. Wheeler
Dr. Farlee, a Union soldier and friend of Capt. Oliphant	L. S. Rawson
Neil, a negro servant	E. E. Bemis
Mike, an Irish servant	A. A. Willis
Ryan, a soldier	A. A. Willis
Soldier, prison guard	M. L. Howard
Madge Oliphant, wife of Capt. Oliphant	Miss Jennie Day
Agnes, her sister	Miss Addie B. Howard

CHAPTER XIII

VILLAGES

Jamaica Village Society

Organized December 8, 1904. Selectmen of Jamaica:
F. B. Pier, C. H. Taynton, N. D. Allen.

We, Fred B. Pier, C. H. Taynton and N. D. Allen, Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica, Vermont, hereby in pursuance of a petition of a majority of the voters in town meeting residing in a village of more than thirty houses in the Town of Jamaica, County of Windham and State of Vermont, presented to us have established the name and bounds of said village, which are as follows, to wit:

The name is "The Village of Jamaica," bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the North side, at the West end of the covered bridge across West River, leading to Jamaica Depot; thence running Westerly on the North side of the highway leading to Jamaica Village, to land of Mrs. M. E. Allen's; thence running westerly on said Mrs. M. E. Allen's and C. J. Torrey's North line to a corner about twenty-five rods North of H. J. Sage's sugar house; thence running Southerly on the line of the said C. J. Torrey's land and land of Arthur F. Allen's to the North line of E. L. Wheeler's land; thence running Westerly on said Wheeler's North line to his Northwest corner; thence running South on said Wheeler's West line to the old road; thence running Westerly on the South side of said old road to Charles A. Aiken's Northwest corner; thence running South on the West lines of lands of said C. A. Aiken's, Hattie T. McLean's and C. J. Howe's to the highway leading to E. A. Prouty's farm; thence running Southerly across said highway on the wall between Hattie T. McLean's mowing and pasture land to Ball Mountain Brook, so called; thence up said brook about 40 rods to the old raceway; thence running Easterly in a straight line to said Charles C. Allen's East line; thence running Northerly

on said line and East line of Hattie T. McLean's millyard to land of Chas. Morgan; thence running easterly on said Morgan's, J. A. Muzzy's, and H. J. Sage's South lines to the Southeast corner of H. J. Sage's, Felton Pasture, so called; thence running North-easterly on a straight line with said H. J. Sage's, Felton Mowing, so called, South line to West River; thence running Northerly up said river to the place of beginning.

Jamaica, Vt.	F. B. PIER	} Selectmen
Dec. 8, 1904.	C. H. TAYNTON	
	N. D. ALLEN	

Book 3, Page 225, Jamaica Town Records.

1939. Village Society of Jamaica. Moderator, Dr. O. V. Hefflon; Clerk, Mary Robinson; Treasurer, Ernest O. Allen. Trustees: Ray G. Wilder, A. L. Lewis, R. J. Daggett, A. B. Cheney, M. F. McLean. Collector of Taxes, Ernest E. Bemis. Auditors: Lottie Girard, John S. Robinson.

East Jamaica, District No. 1

First settlement in Jamaica was at this location, and the first grist- and sawmill was on road 45 and was built by Peter Hazeltine in 1782.

A steam mill operated by Mr. Raine in 1900 was later owned and run by the Vincents.

East Jamaica Post Office

(Established)

<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>Date Appointed</i>
Aaron M. Butler	February 17, 1881
Edgar M. Butler	March 18, 1887
This office was discontinued January 25, 1888.	
This office was reestablished August 8, 1889.	
Mrs. Carrie K. Butler	August 8, 1889
Mrs. Lila C. Burgess (acting)	January 31, 1940
Mrs. Lila C. Burgess	March 9, 1940

Mrs. Carrie K. Butler, who has been postmaster here for more than fifty years, was retired by the Federal Government January 31, 1940.

Maynard Hollow, District No. 11

In 1810-14, Chandler Maynard and not "Oliver" as has been reported in some records, cleared the land and built the house now owned by Leonard White and used as a hunting camp. Chandler Maynard had several children.

Adams, a son, married Hannah Glazier of Stratton, and settled on the farm north of his father. They had no children, but gave a home to many children who were orphans, or whose homes were broken up; some lived with "Uncle Ard" and "Aunt Hannah" from early childhood: Etta Fessenden, who married Henry Sage; Ella Axtell, who married Stephen Potter; Lydia Johnson, who married Arad T. Wood, first wife; and John Thomas, who went to war and was never heard from. John Tibbetts of Newfane lived with them some time. Fred M. Ryder went there in 1846 after his mother died; his father, Samuel Ryder, was killed by a falling tree in 1840, the year Fred was born.

Allen, son of Chandler Maynard, in 1832 built the house where John X. White now lives; previous to this there was a log house across the driveway. Dr. William Maynard of Salem, N. Y., was another son; he was a typical country doctor of the horse and saddle days.

Emma Abigail, a daughter of Chandler, married Chestleton Abner Johnson, a son of Orrin Johnson, Sr., and lived for a time on the farm south of Allen's. Chestleton Johnson was killed on his farm by a falling tree. His widow and children, Fred, Nora, and Abbie, returned to her father's house; later she married a Mr. Roads of Windham, and lived there till his death, and then returned to spend her last days in her childhood home with her unmarried children, Fred and Nora; Abbie mean-

while had married William W. White, of Windham. Later they lived in various places in Jamaica, and bought her grandfather's place in 1885. Nora Johnson married Wilbur Wellman.

Ephraim Higgins was an early settler, coming from Cape Cod, Mass. Isaac, a son of Ephraim, settled on the farm now a part of the Sage Hill Camp, and had a large family.

Isaac Wilson Higgins settled where Lawyer Piper has his camp; this was known as the Alva Higgins mill.

Alexander Higgins was a Baptist minister in Boston, Mass.

Charles Higgins lived in Orange, Mass.

Adams Maynard in 1870 at Maynard Hollow was an expert in making wooden pumps and pump logs. In the spring he would go over the west side of the mountain and peddle his pumps and repair them, he took his horse and wagon and was gone six weeks; he did this work until iron pumps came in use.

A peculiar feature about these houses built by the Maynards was that some rooms in all of them were 13 feet on one side or other. Chandler Maynard's first-built living room was 13 x 16. Allen Maynard's was 13 x 26. Adams Maynard's living room was 13 x 13 and others were 13 x something.

In those days the road from Jamaica to Maynard Hollow was up South Hill to the Daniel Mundall place, Tom Berry Pond lot, across the Allen Maynard farm and across the bridge to the Chandler Maynard farm, across the Isaac Higgins farm which is now Sage Hill Camp, to the Twitchell place.

About 1893 Rev. S. E. Frohock, a Baptist minister of Springfield, Mass., held meetings in the grove near William W. White's house, one week in August for several years, which were not camp meetings, and were denominational.



VIEW. SOUTH HILL.



VIEW OF JAMAICA VILLAGE.



PART OF FLOCK, SHEEP.

The Seventh Day Adventists held meetings in the schoolhouse one evening each week for one or two winters.

Religious services were held Sunday afternoons by the pastors of the Baptist church of the village, with Sunday school after the service. Later the Christian Endeavor Society held weekly meetings for some years.

Pikes Falls, District No. 13

In 1846 Isaac N. Pike, son of Capt. William Pike, came here and built a sawmill, which he operated, and carried on the lumber business for thirty years. He also was a surveyor. He had a family of nine children, one son died in Andersonville prison.

The Champlain Paper Company operated here for two or three years, getting out wood for pulp, to be used in newsprint. The wood was floated down the brook to Jamaica.

The Seventh Day Advent Church has a school here.

About 1910 the demand for wild cherry bark was so good that shipments from Pikes Falls were made each year for quite a while, the dried bark being used by wholesale druggists in making a cough medicine.

Wild ginseng root also was in demand. The dried root sold for as much as \$22 a pound. The wild plant is very rare and is considered of more value than the cultivated root. The price is around \$5 per pound now.

Merrill A. Stark cuts and ships about 1000 oyster poles each year. These poles are used to mark the boundary lines of the oyster beds in salt water. These poles must be of balsam, hemlock, or spruce and must be thirty feet in length, six to eight inches in diameter at the base, peeled, knotted and a seven-eighths of an inch hole bored eight inches from the base in the center and at least three feet of evergreen left at the tip so the poles may be visible to the boat crews.

Mrs. Kuusela makes and ships about 250 Christmas

wreaths and about 150 Christmas trees of balsam and spruce. The balsam tips may be used in pillows and the fragrance is quite lasting.

About 3000 crates of lace ferns are shipped, each crate containing between 5000 and 6000 ferns. The ferns are tied in bunches of twenty-five stems and the picker receives from one to one and a half cents per bunch. The average picker will pick about 200 to 300 bunches per day.

About 3000 gallons of maple syrup are shipped from Pikes Falls.

About 500 gallons of maple syrup are made into maple candy and cakes.

Rawsonville, District No. 10

Bailey Rawson in 1810 made the first clearing where Rawsonville now is, and built a log house and soon after a sawmill.

1834 B. B. Houghton built a sawmill on road No. 3, and operated a chair shop.

In 1842 Flint & Richardson built a grist- and sawmill on road No. 3. It was later operated by G. A. Richardson and was bought in 1884 by A. A. Kingsbury.

In 1897 Frederick B. Pier built a sawmill at the falls near Rawsonville.

Near the Richardson mill there was a mineral spring that was used in 1868.

Manley and Portley Rawson, builders of stoneboats.

Rawsonville Directory, 1870

Allen, J. H.	Deane, C. E.
Cobb, H. N.	Ellis, H. A.
Cobb, J. B.	Farr, E.
Cobb, R.	Fuller, A. P.
Cobb, W. R.	Gale, J.
Coleman, A.	Houghton, B. B.
Coleman, W. F.	Howard, A.

Kingsbury, Mrs. A.	Rawson, W.
Kingsbury, Mrs. B. M.	Richardson, G. R.
Kingsbury, D. O.	Skinner, C.
Kingsbury, W.	Skinner, J. W.
Kingsbury, W. C.	Smith, W.
Parsons, R.	Tuffts, J. H.
Pier, Dr. O.	Walker, C.
Rawson, B. B.	Whitman, H.
Rawson, J.	York, T. C.
Rawson, L.	

Rawsonville Post Office established 1877.

1877 Fred B. Pier, Postmaster

1894 Mrs. Pier, Postmaster

West Jamaica

Isaac Wilson Higgins in 1868 had a sawmill on road 33, later operated by Alva Higgins, and now owned and used as a camp by A. V. D. Piper, lawyer.

West Jamaica School District No. 12

Business Men in 1868

C. B. Boynton, store	J. B. Sage
A. P. Clough, cooper	J. H. Sage
J. H. Cummings	J. Shepard
J. Farr, rake manufacturer	S. Smith
A. Howe	C. H. Starks
W. V. Howe	Tibbetts
M. Johnson	E. White
N. Johnson	A. Wilder
S. Lyon	G. Wilder
E. L. Mason	H. Wilder
R. Payne	

H. H. Felton in 1868 built a sawmill on road 34, and was the principal business in West Jamaica.

“Little” George Wilder at West Jamaica on road 34 made barrels, as did A. Clough in 1870.

William White in 1880 at Maynard Hollow made split and shaved shingles.

“Jim” Farr and Roel in 1884 on road 34, West Jamaica had a rake factory.

Edward Magoon in 1884 had a sawmill on road 34, West Jamaica.

Wm. F. Gleason in 1884 had a sawmill on road 34, West Jamaica.

CHAPTER XIV

PHYSICIANS, LAWYERS, DENTISTS

1815. The first physician was Dr. Nathan Weeks.

1831. Dr. Joel Holton came to Jamaica and practiced fifty-two years.

1835. Dr. Moses Chamberlain

Dr. William Sanders

Dr. C. Fisher

Dr. J. Otis Howe

Dr. William Chase

1848. Dr. Chesselden Fisher

1859. Dr. Lorenzo H. Sprague

Dr. M. V. Condon

Dr. A. F. Bliss

1880. Dr. Orris Pier

1873. Dr. Charles E. Spring

Dr. Cram

1884. Dr. Charles W. Ray

Dr. Fred C. Brigham

Dr. Clarence S. Brigham

1896. Dr. C. B. Doane

1900. Dr. A. J. Greenwood

1915. Dr. W. A. Boyce

Dr. George J. Clark

Dr. A. W. Thomas

Dr. O. V. Hefflon

Lawyers

1840. Hon. John E. Butler

1859. Hon. Hoyt H. Wheeler

Benjamin Knowlton

E. E. Kellogg

1863. Hon. Eleazer L. Waterman
L. M. Reed
J. G. Eddy
Oscar A. Tanner
A. V. D. Piper
A. W. Butler

Dentists

1884. Dr. Phineas S. Loomis
Dr. C. T. Clarke
1900. Dr. A. W. Payne



By H. L. Chapman.

INDIANS AT SALMON HOLE, PAGEANT AUGUST 7, 1930.



By H. L. Chapman.

SALMON HOLE, SCENE OF INDIAN RAID MAY 31, 1748.

CHAPTER XV

POINTS OF INTEREST

Salmon Hole

Salmon Hole was so called because the salmon in the early days came up from the sea to spawn. It is a deep pool in the West River, with very little current at this point. The river curving around the base of Ball Mountain carries much sand at high water, and it settles at this place and forms a natural beach of fine sand that slopes gradually from high water mark to the summer level, and then drops sharply into very deep water that is clear and cool. The beach is a fine place for the children to play and wade, but they should be watched as the drop into deep water is very abrupt. It makes a fine place for the expert swimmer to dive from the springboard into very deep water.

The Benefit Society has had a post set in position near the edge of the water, and equipped with a life preserver and rope for emergency use. The forestry department of the state now has control of the land, which belonged to the railroad.

Sunday services have been held in the grove above the beach.

“The Horse Sheds”

Take road 14, North Street, and cross Ball Mountain Brook, and just before you reach the bridge over West River, take the left fork, about one-half mile, cross a small brook. This was known as the butter cellar, and was used to cool the milk and wash the butter. The water is clear and cold. Leave the road here and keep around on the right, crossing the brook, and then bearing around to the left. This is about the 1200-foot level, and is about two

thirds up Ball Mountain. These cave-like openings are protected by the rock curving from above, the floor is of fine sand and soil. There are four or five of these places, and the larger ones you might get two or three horses in out of the storm. One story about these sheds is that they were used by smugglers. The trail is very indistinct, and one would have to be a good woodsman to find the sheds, it would be best to have a guide, or run the risk of being lost on the mountain. In the river below these rocky formations are what are known as "The Dumplings"—large boulders of hard rock rounded by the action of water, gravel, and ice of many years' action.

West River, called Wantastiquet by the Indians, rises in Weston and flows through the northeasterly part of the town of Jamaica, from the west, receiving the waters of the Ball Mountain Brook, which rises in Stratton; from the north, at East Jamaica, the Howard or Turkey Mountain Brook; from the south the Whetstone Brook, and many smaller brooks. One called Cobb Brook, at high water rushes and swirls down a gorge forming Hamilton Falls, with a drop of about 150 feet, the water carrying some gravel is whirled around and forms pot holes in the softer rock, some of these are four to six feet in circumference, and as deep. From the brink one looks down on the tree tops, and wonders how they can find a foothold in the cracks and soil to thrive on. Hamilton Falls on Cobb Brook, which runs through the farm of S. Hamilton on road No. 8, is now part of the Newton School property, 275 acres, and a permit to the Falls may be had at the School.

College Hill

College Hill is so called because it is leased land, and any income from it is used for the support of the state colleges. The altitude is 2051 feet.

The view from the top is beautiful, and well worth the

climb, which is not bad. The top being cleared, one may view the country from all sides, and see farms dotted here and there. The clouds casting their shadows on the hills and valleys, make an ever changing color on the evergreens and maples, and the lighter shades of the birches and poplars. One may see range after range of hills and mountains as far as the eye can see, and they become dim and gray in the distance. Very little water is to be seen as the brooks and streams are in the valleys. The water of the West River may be seen in the north for a short distance, as it glistens in the sunshine.

Balancing Rock

Near the French bridge is a fine example of what the glacial drift period has left in many places in its retreat to the north.

It is not more than 25 or 30 feet from the highway, and can be seen without trespass.

CHAPTER XVI

SPORTS

Base Ball

In 1915 The Jamaica Base Ball Club, after playing some very good games in the West River Valley League, was invited by the committee in charge of the Guest Day Celebration at Brattleboro, August 25, 1915, to play a game with the Townshend club, for a silver cup as a trophy, as one of the attractions of the day.

The invitation was accepted and the game played in the forenoon, Jamaica winning 8 to 5. Each club had many rooters and at the end of the third inning the score was a tie 4-4. Townshend hit the ball very hard, but most always to some fielder and made no more runs till the ninth when they scored one; Jamaica scoring two in the fourth, one in the fifth, and one in the seventh. P. Butler, shortstop for Jamaica, played a nice game in that position. W. Sparks, playing in the ninth at first for Jamaica, caught a runner off first and chased him nearly to second base before tagging him out.

This cup is in the Memorial Library.

Box Score of Game, August 25, 1915

Jamaica	At B	R	H	PO	A	E
Clark, 3d	4	2	2	1	1	1
Bemis, P.	5	0	4	2	7	1
Kingsbury, 2d	5	1	3	4	1	0
H. Crowninshield, C. F.	4	0	0	3	1	0
M. Crowninshield, R. F.	5	0	1	1	0	0
L. Robertson, C.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Howell, L. F.	4	1	0	0	0	0
P. Butler, S. S.	5	1	0	2	2	2

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A. Butler, 1st	4	3	0	13	8	0
W. Sparks, 1st	0	0	0	3	0	0
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	40	8	10	29	20	4

Townshend						
H. Sparks, 1st	5	1	3	8	2	0
Phillips, S. S.	5	2	0	0	0	0
Harding, L. F.	5	1	0	0	0	0
Benson, P.	4	0	2	8	0	0
B. Phillips, 3d	5	1	1	2	5	3
Barry, P.	5	0	1	1	1	0
Marsh, C. F.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Morse, R. F.	3	0	0	4	3	0
Cutler, 2d	3	0	1	4	3	0
W. Sparks, 1st	1	0	0	3	0	0
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	40	5	9	30	14	3

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jamaica	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0=8
Townshend	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1=5

Umpire Wendall. Time 1 hour 40 minutes

Union B. B. Club, July 4, 1872, at Jamaica

Jamaica, First Team	Second Team
M. H. Johnson, C.	Howe, C.
Clayton, P.	Davis, P.
Wheeler, 1st	O. Johnson, 1st
Amsden, 2d	Gould, 2d
Boynton, 3d	M. Allen, 3d
Howard, S. S.	Sprague, S. S.
Argie, L. F.	Jim Allen, L. F.
Amsden, C. F.	Read, C. F.
Shaffner, R. F.	Phelps, R. F.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Runs 1st Team	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	2	0=12
Runs 2d Team	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	1=11

Umpire E. A. Smith. Scorer Wm. H. H. Holton

Jamaica at Newfane, August 9, 1884

Jamaica	Newfane										
Shaffner, S. S.	Osgood, 2d										
May, H. A., 2d	Burdett, L. F.										
Leonard, 3d	Manning, C.										
Foley, B. J., P.	Underwood, J., P.										
Wheeler, C.	Underwood, C., 3d										
Butler, E. M., L. F.	Dewitt, F., 1st										
Hosley, F. G., C. F.	Clotur, R. F.										
Howard, W., R. F.	Scott, S. S.										
Foskett, W. R., 1st	Sewitt, C. F.										
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Runs Jamaica	1	5	0	1	0	4	6	5	0=22		
Runs Newfane	1	4	3	1	1	4	0	0	0=14		

Umpire Sam Parsons, Newfane

Jamaica at Londonderry, November 2, 1886

Jamaica	Londonderry
H. A. May, 2d	Richardson
Turner, P.	Arnold
Manning, C.	Sparroro
Howe, 3d	Hannum
Ballard, C. F.	Pease
Amidon, R. F.	Wright
Sherwin, P.	Clayton
Martin, L. F.	Stevens
Foskett, 1st	Bostwick

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Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jamaica, Runs	0	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	2=12
Londonderry, Runs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1= 2
Umpire C. W. Ray									

Jamaica at Wardsboro, June 12, 1909

Jamaica	Wardsboro								
Clark, S. S.	Morse, C.								
Stark, C. F.	Wheeler, P.								
H. Vail, R. F.	Newcomb								
E. Vail, C.	Putnam								
Crowninshield, L. F.	Smith								
Foskett, 3d	Bills								
White, 1st	Gorham								
Bemis, P.	Fields								
McCarty, 2d	Burrington								
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Runs Wardsboro	2	0	2	6	0	5	2	2	x=19
Runs Jamaica	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	8=15
Umpires Frank White, Dr. Hefflon									

Wardsboro at Jamaica, June 26, 1909

Wardsboro	Jamaica
Morse	Bemis, P.
Wheeler	E. Vail, C.
Newcomb	Kingsbury, 3d
LaMarche	F. Allen, 1st
Warren	McCarty, R. F.
Wells	Clark, S. S.
Parker	Crowninshield, C. F.
Smith	R. Robinson, 2d
St. Mary	A. Cheney, L. F.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Runs Wardsboro	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1= 7
Runs Jamaica	3	0	3	5	2	0	0	3	x=16

Umpire John Wheeler

West River Valley League

1914—1915—1916

Londonderry	Newfane
Jamaica	Williamsville
Townshend	Wardsboro

Fishing

The Fish and Game Commissioners of the state have charge of the distribution of fish from the hatcheries. The brooks and streams have been stocked at various times, also the Fish and Game Club of Brattleboro have placed trout of good size in the brooks of this town.

W. A. Newell is game warden.

Hunting, Trapping and Fishing

A person fifteen years of age or over must procure a license and carry same while hunting and fishing, except owners of farm lands, their minor children and tenants, may fish, hunt and trap on such lands without license, according to the Fish and Game Laws of the State of Vermont.

Deer season is the last ten days of November, except Sundays. Number of deer taken in 1939 and reported to the town clerk was 12 and to W. A. Newell, game warden, 24, total reported 36.

Bear, coon, fox, rabbit, skunk, and squirrel are common.

Mason H. Jones of Pikes Falls was a noted hunter and trapper, taking as many as six bears in a season. He and

William Howard worked together and had a record of over one hundred bears to their credit. One year they caught a bob cat that weighed thirty-two pounds. Mr. Jones one year raised a pen of between thirty and forty young coons, keeping them through the cold weather until their fur was prime, and sold the pelts at a good price. One year he shot a buck deer that had thirteen points and it was considered about the best specimen ever taken in town. He also did lumbering and made maple syrup and sugar.

Lester Williams breeds and raises for sale fitch, mink, and muskrat and has from sixty to one hundred most of the time. Has sold many the last few years.

Fish in the brooks are brown and rainbow trout and in the ponds and lakes are lake trout, bass, perch, pickerel, pout, and eel.

Birds are partridge and quail.

CHAPTER XVII

CAMPS AND HOMES RECENTLY BOUGHT IN JAMAICA

Name	On road	District	From
Abbott, Andrew	14	2	Massachusetts
Accutias, Mr. & Mrs.	12	1	New Jersey
Allen, E. O.	34	12	Jamaica
Bartlett, Fred W.	Main St.	2	New Jersey
Bergman, H. J.	22	11	Connecticut
Bischoff, Zuehene	14½	9	New Mexico
Blake, B. S.	33	12	Massachusetts
Butler, Dr. B. T.	22	11	New Jersey
Close, Dr. J. Frederick	31	2	Connecticut
Craven, Arthur	42	6	New Hampshire
Dallis, Mrs. M. R.	6	4	New Jersey
Davis, Ralph	18	2	New York
Day, Carlos P.	31	2	Connecticut
Doll, W. E.	22	11	New York
Durant, Mrs. Genevieve	13	2	New York
Eberling, Dr. A. H.	18	2	New York
Ellis, Bruce T.	31	2	New Jersey
Ellis, Miss Mary F.	25	2	Philadelphia
Gilmore, Joseph	31	2	New York
Hanford, Helen	18	2	Connecticut
Hefflon, Otis R.	23	2	Jamaica
Hefflon, Dr. O. V.	49	7	Jamaica
Hibbard, Aldro	28	1	Massachusetts
Holbrook, Rositer	20	13	New York
Klein, Rev. F. W.	23	2	Wardsboro
Knight, Rixford	31	2	New Jersey
Landman, Clifton C.	23	2	Jamaica
McIvor, Mrs. M. L.	35	12	New York

Mallatier, W. C.	23	11	Connecticut
Monagle, C. W.	21	13	New York
Monroe, Eleanor A.	25	2	Jamaica
Nearing, Scott	21	13	New Jersey
Parsons, Mrs. W. Usher	31	2	New York
Petrie, Adolph	23	2	
Piper, A. V. D.	33	11	Jamaica
Robbins, Loren	6	10	Jamaica
Robinson, Roe G.	Main St.	2	East Jamaica
Roetgar, Russell R.	14	2	Brooklyn
Safford, Marion F.	42	6	Massachusetts
Sage Hill Camp	33	11	New York
S. Gordon Smith, Superintendent			
Sanders, Mrs. Helen	Water St.	2	Massachusetts
Sargeant, Wm.	45	6	New York
Shaw, Prof. Howard E.	21	13	New York
Smith, A. H.	24	2	
Socea, Forrest	24	2	
Stark, Ben	Water St.	2	East Jamaica
Stearns, Geo. H.	29	6	Massachusetts
Steele, Eric	31	3	France
Tower, Dr. F. A.	27	1	Brattleboro
Tucker, Geo. H.	Water St.	2	Brattleboro
VanHorn, Geo. A.	North St.	2	California
White, Leonard	32	11	Jamaica
Young, Frank	23	2	Brattleboro

The David Twitchell Farm

David Twitchell, born in Wardsboro Feb. 25, 1809, came to Jamaica in 1840 with his wife and two children and settled on the farm on road No. 22. At that time the way to town was by way of Maynard Hollow and the West Jamaica road No. 32. He built a new set of buildings in 1855 on the North Branch of Ball Mountain Brook, and carried on the farm on both sides of the brook

of two hundred acres more or less. He was very successful and a thrifty, hard-working man. He raised a family of seven children, five of whom were born on this farm. He was noted for his orchard, many of his apple trees were grafted, two or three kinds to a tree, and was known as having apples in his cellar all the year, until new ones came.

He usually had a flock of 100 sheep, a pair of oxen, twelve or fifteen head of cattle and young stock, made butter and cheese, raised grain and stored it in the attic of his house.

His children went to school at Maynard Hollow District No. 11.

In 1866 he made a study of the so-called "Cattle Disease" and reported his experiences to the Vermont Record.

There was found on the farm near the house, on the north, a swamp and underlying was a bed of clay that was thought to be of a quality good for making brick. Two or three test pits were opened and some of the clay formed into shape and baked but not proving satisfactory was abandoned. This pasture was thereafter called the "Brick Yard" lot.

Just at the edge of this lot was the family burying ground. Later the bodies were taken up and placed in the village cemetery.

He was overseer of the poor in 1878.

When he died in 1881 his daughter, Flora S., and her husband, Sylvester E. Rawson, bought and carried on the farm for several years, selling to the grandchildren, Hubert, Julius, and Edith White who in 1906 sold to W. E. and Louise L. Booker, Louise being the daughter of Laura W., daughter of David. The Bookers used it for a summer home for twenty-five years and it was known as The Homestead. The place is now owned by Dr. B. T. Butler of Leonia, N. J.



FAMILY PET.



FOUNTAIN AND SUNDIAL.



THE HOMESTEAD, TWITCHELL FARM.

Here are some items of the cost of labor copied from the record of building the set of buildings in 1855.

Amasa Chase, carpenter, 111½ days at \$1.25	\$139.37
Martin Wellman, carpenter, 98 days at \$1.00	98.00
Albert Chase, carpenter, 83 days at \$1.25	103.75
Isaac Winam, carpenter, 84 days at \$1.25	104.42
Jonathan Young, splitting stone	2.00
Mr. Curtis, setting stone	5.00
Decan Smith, laying stone	7.00
Juna Howe, laying stone	3.50
John Day, 2 days with oxen	4.00
Arad T. Wood, 1 day with oxen	1.75
Nails used, 1165 pounds	53.12
Oil, Turpentine, Paint	47.72
Glass, 6 boxes 9 x 13, 1 box 9 x 7 at \$2.20	15.40

CHAPTER XVIII

CEMETERIES

The village cemetery is located at the Baptist church and was a part of the churchyard. This part of the cemetery is badly in need of care. Some of the stones are down and many need resetting and the lots and walks need trimming. The later additions to the cemetery are in good order, thanks to the sexton, and the financial help of the Benefit Society. There are several funds, the income from which is to be used for the perpetual care of such lots as named. These funds are under the care of the sexton and selectmen of the town. Some are for East Jamaica cemetery. The funds are in the Jamaica Savings Bank.

Several attempts have been made to form a cemetery association in Jamaica but nothing definite has been accomplished. At a meeting called to meet in the church hall September 8, 1937, about twenty-five responded and talked the matter over and decided that something should be done. The following committee was named: A. V. D. Piper, W. E. Booker, H. H. Holton, H. P. Boynton, R. L. Daggett. One of the committee wrote the Secretary of State and asked what were the conditions and requirements, for such an association to obtain legally a state charter, to be incorporated as the Pleasant View Cemetery Association of Jamaica, Vermont. The object of the association was to raise a fund the income from which was to be used for the perpetual care of the cemetery—the corporation not to have capital stock and organized not for profit.

East Jamaica cemetery is on the main road No. 27, east of the schoolhouse, on the left going from Jamaica.

Pikes Falls cemetery is on road No. 21 on the left going

from Jamaica; not to be seen from the road but a very fine view of Stratton Mountain from this point.

Rawsonville cemetery is on road No. 6 on the right from Jamaica. Here also is a monument in memory of the founder of Rawsonville, Bailey Rawson, at the junction of roads No. 3 and No. 6.

West Jamaica cemetery is on the left on road No. 33 from Jamaica. It is not easily seen, as the trees have grown up, and unless looking for it you pass by.

There have been some private burial grounds in the town but most of them have been abandoned and the bodies taken up and buried in the village cemetery.

CHAPTER XIX

TOWN STATISTICS

The Jamaica Fire District was organized January 16, 1856. Benjamin Muzzy, I. P. Kendall, Selectmen of Jamaica.

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica having had legal application made to us for that purpose do hereby in accordance with an "act authorizing the Selectmen of the several towns to establish Fire Districts in certain cases" establish and constitute the territory in said Town of Jamaica embraced within the following described limits, a Fire District to be called Fire District Number One in Jamaica, viz :

Beginning at a stake standing on the West side of the wall in Benjamin Muzzy's pasture in a Southwest direction from Horatio L. Felton's dwelling house; thence North 5 degrees East on and near said wall 43 rods to the road; thence North 20 degrees East passing West of Luceres Howe's building 277 rods to a birch tree standing near the fence which divides the pastures belonging to Amos Howard and Widow Amos Howard which is marked F. D.; thence East on and near an old fence 26 rods to a maple tree marked F. D.; thence South 74 degrees East passing through land of Widow Amos Howard, crossing a knoll situated North of Amos Howard's dwelling house at the South point of the ridge 80 rods to an oak tree standing on the bank of West River at the Salmon Hole, so called; thence South 11 degrees East down the River 72 rods to a pine tree; thence South 17 degrees East 100 rods to a pine tree near the mouth of the creek; thence South 23 degrees East on the West bank of the Creek 94 rods; thence South 12 degrees East 20 rods to Benjamin Muzzy's line; thence South 20 degrees West 26 rods to an oak tree on the bank of the Creek; thence South 23 degrees West 50 rods to or near an oak tree marked F. D.; thence South 3 degrees West 36 rods to James Muzzy's South line; thence North 67 degrees West on said Muzzy's South line 112 rods to a birch tree marked F. D.;

thence South $88\frac{1}{2}$ degrees West 35 rods to the East end of a wall South of Erric Shepards dwelling house; thence North 62 degrees West 136 rods to the place of beginning, containing 465 acres or an area nearly equal to three fourths of a square mile.

Jamaica,	Benj'm Muzzy	}	Selectmen of Jamaica
January 16th, 1856	I. P. Kendall		

Book 3, Page 171, Jamaica Town Records.

Fire district water supply has two cisterns on Main Street, one at the Muzzy store, the other below the Bank, opposite the Holton house. Certain places in the brook to be kept cleared so as to be available for the pump and suction hose and many private wells may be used.

The fire house is next to the Congregational church on Main Street. The equipment consists of engine and pump on a Cadillac chassis, with suction hose, fire hose, ladders, lanterns, and tools. This is a Barton Fire Pump with a booster tank, and was examined by the Prudential Committee at Pomfret, Conn., August 27, 1940, and at the September meeting it was voted permission be given the committee to purchase the outfit, after being delivered at Jamaica, and tested to the satisfaction of the chief engineer and his assistants. This truck is so much longer than the "Wantastiquet" hand engine, it was voted to enlarge the fire house by adding 12 feet to the length of the building, to give room for the truck, ladders and a drying rack for the wet hose after use.

The Benefit Society at their December, 1939, meeting voted \$200 to help pay for apparatus when purchased.

At the March town meeting, 1940, it was voted the town pay 5 per cent of the grand list to help pay for fire apparatus.

The fire district meeting March 11, 1940, it was voted to tax the voters of the district 15 per cent for fire apparatus and equipment.

The town has been fortunate in not having large fires. Some of the buildings that have been destroyed are Jamaica Leather Co., opposite High Street; Abijah Muzzy house on Factory Street, 1876; John Butler house next to the bank, 1877; White Mop Wringer Mill, 1881; Howard Farm Buildings on Ball Mountain; Lloyd or Castle Place, West Hill; A. B. Stark house on Mechanic Street; Dr. Greenwood house, Mechanic Street, 1902; electric light plant, McLean Mill, 1907; Cheese Factory, March 17, 1914; Adams Twitchell farm buildings, 1915; Eaton place near East Jamaica Depot, January 21, 1940, occupied by Mary, widow of Wayne Butler, age 93. Place totally destroyed and Mrs. Butler burned.

The house next to the Revilo Howards on Mechanic Street, in the early 1880's, was owned and occupied by John C. Robinson, treasurer of the bank. He exchanged this house for the Knowlton house on Main Street near the bank. Later the house on Mechanic Street was occupied by Dr. Charles W. Ray, Dr. Clarence S. Brigham, Dr. C. B. Doane, and Dr. A. J. Greenwood who lived in it when it was totally destroyed by fire in 1902.

Annual Meeting, January 1, 1940. Officers chosen for 1940:

Dr. O. V. Hefflon,	Moderator
John S. Robinson,	Clerk and Treasurer
Arthur L. Lewis	} Prudential Committee
Harlan P. Boynton	
Roe Robinson	
Arthur B. Cheney,	Chief Engineer
Charles L. Clark,	First Assistant Engineer
Arthur Bemis,	Second Assistant Engineer
Wendall Landman,	Collector
Mark F. McLean	} Auditors
Roe Robinson	

Town Officers, 1866

Moderator, E. E. Kellogg
 Town Clerk and Treasurer, Luke Howard
 Selectmen, J. J. Crowley, Lysander Howe, O. F. Knowlton
 Overseer of Poor, Benjamin Muzzy
 School Superintendent, Israel Wood
 Agent, John Fish
 Listers, William H. Carr, J. P. Robinson, H. W. Wheeler

Our Town Officials, 1939

Moderator:
 G. H. Gleason
 Town Clerk and Treasurer:
 Ray G. Wilder
 Selectmen:
 Frederick M. Butler Term expires 1940
 Reginald H. Coleman Term expires 1941
 Clifton C. Landman Term expires 1942
 School Directors:
 Henry Kingsbury Term expires 1940
 Otis R. Hefflon Term expires 1941
 Ruth P. Butler Term expires 1942
 Overseer of Poor:
 Dr. O. V. Hefflon
 Road Commissioner:
 H. E. Williams
 Listers:
 Alfred H. Crowninshield Term expires 1940
 Edward B. Rawson Term expires 1941
 Albert E. Magoon Term expires 1942
 Auditors:
 Mark F. McLean Term expires 1940
 Samuel T. R. Cheney Term expires 1941
 Lottie H. Girard Term expires 1942
 1st Constable and Collector:
 Ernest E. Bemis

Town Grand Juror :

Frank A. Chase

Agent to Deed Land :

Ray G. Wilder

Library Trustees :

Minnie Perry	Term expires 1940
Ernest O. Allen	Term expires 1941
Marjorie Peirce	Term expires 1942
Elnora Muzzy	Term expires 1943
Warren E. Booker	Term expires 1944

Treasurer's Cash Account

Year Ending January 31, 1940

DR.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1939,	\$ 1,647 07
Borrowed money,	24,145 00
Received from taxpayers,	8,608 44
Received from tax collector,	2,064 49
Taxes abated,	141 44
Received from State—Winter maintenance,	737 50
Received from State—State Aid road,	1,013 70
Received from State—State town road,	3,478 75
Received from State—Resurfacing,	199 33
Received from State—flood damage Wards- boro road,	690 70
Received from State—reimbursement for flood damage,	3,508 92
Ministerial rent,	86 38
Rent of Town Hall,	32 00
Sale of 2 iron bridges (scrap),	30 00
Sale of land, White and Wellman lots,	400 00
F. A. Chase, lumber,	3 60
School department, stamps,	1 75
Use of Town truck,	739 93

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W. E. Booker, print of town lots,	50
Sale of tire and rim,	5 00
Town of Pittsford, Dessaint account,	63 10
Town of Underhill, Blodgett account,	4 68
Interest on deposit,	20 35
Dog licenses,	159 20
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	\$47,781 83

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Paid orders for borrowed money,	\$25,000 00
Paid interest on borrowed money,	285 70
Paid taxes abated,	141 44
Selectmen's orders, all others,	13,649 52
Town Road orders,	2,472 56
Winter Maintenance orders,	1,610 80
State Town Road orders,	835 69
Overseer of Poor Account,	1,459 33
Stamps,	29 30
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Total disbursements,	\$45,484 34
Balance January 31, 1940,	2,297 49
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	\$47,781 83

*Financial Statement**January 31, 1940*

ASSETS

Taxes due,	\$ 3,217 69
Ministerial rent due,	17 36
Due from State for relocation of highways,	950 45
Due for logs,	80 00
Cash on hand,	2,297 49
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	\$ 6,562 99

Due from State in spring of 1940 for:

Winter maintenance, \$600.00

Summer maintenance, \$3,378.75

LIABILITIES

Orders for borrowed money

Vermont Savings Bank, Jamaica Branch:

No. 7, dated March 3, 1939,	\$ 1,000 00
No. 8, dated March 21, 1939,	2,000 00
No. 9, dated April 12, 1939,	3,145 00
No. 10, dated April 18, 1939,	11,000 00
No. 11, dated May 18, 1939,	1,000 00

The above 5 notes draw 4% interest and are payable on demand. Interest is paid up to date.

Outstanding order,	2 80
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	\$18,147 80

Comparative Table of Indebtedness

Liabilities Jan. 31, 1928,	\$10,138 85
Liabilities Jan. 31, 1929,	4,010 25
Liabilities Jan. 31, 1930,	<i>Out of debt</i>
Liabilities Jan. 31, 1931,	5,591 68
Liabilities Jan. 31, 1932,	2,013 70
Liabilities Jan. 31, 1933,	3,007 73
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1934,	1,776 43
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1935,	2,174 86
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1936,	895 13
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1937,	3,670 77
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1938,	5,731 00
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1939,	9,083 67
Net indebtedness Jan. 31, 1940,	11,584 81

Town Report for Year Ending January 31. Five-year Period

Date	Liabilities	Assets	Poor Exp.	Tax Rate	Dogs Lic.	Debt reduced
1873	\$25,506.47	\$5,885.32	\$ 748.17	—	—	—
1893	47,787.38	9,660.17	1,004.68	—	79	\$1,119.60
1895	43,375.60	6,371.75	1,010.07	—	74	410.00
1900	44,297.82	7,896.36	1,229.70	—	56	601.27
1905	43,416.75	5,586.92	1,345.75	—	74	892.03
1910	31,201.88	2,400.38	621.25	—	56	2,395.68
1915	18,344.63	1,683.97	694.97	—	63	948.59
1920	12,021.00	1,991.72	551.66	\$3.30	56	830.83
1925	4,000.25	3,008.04	478.54	3.85	49	1,800.81
1930	0.00	3,918.11	1,777.80	4.23	54	No Debt
1935	9,528.38	7,353.52	1,236.18	3.90	61	2,174.86+
1939	19,074.48	10,554.13	2,524.71	4.00	64	8,519.35+
1940	18,147.80	6,562.99	1,459.33	4.25	72	2,501.67+

General Tax Information

Grand List,	\$ 3,529 05	
Total number of polls 275		
Total tax at \$4.25,	14,988 46	
Taxes paid Treasurer,		\$12,766 02
4% discount,		507 75
1939 tax unpaid Nov. 1,		2,090 97
1939 old age tax paid Treasurer,		580 00
1939 old age tax uncollected Nov. 1,		107 50

Prior Years Tax Report

Due					
Year	Rate	Last Report	Paid	Abated	Due
1930	\$4 50	\$ 25 48	\$ 6 11	\$ 7 04	\$ 12 33
1931	4 00	13 49	7 50		5 99
1932	4 00	13 01			13 01
1933	3 60	60 21	2 03		58 18
1934	3 90	148 17	76 43	9 68	62 06
1935	3 50	58 35	6 53		51 82
1936	3 85	176 11	57 81	21 14	97 16
1937	4 00	924 07	450 44	78 71	394 84
1938	4 00	*1,394 95	946 09	17 53	431 33
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		\$2,813 84	\$1,552 94	\$134 10	\$1,126 72

1939 tax collected,	\$511 47	
1939 tax abated,	7 34	
1939 tax due including penalty of 8% and costs of \$.05 per name,		2,090 97
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		\$3,217 69

State payments to town applicants for old age assistance and funeral claims from January 1, to December 31, 1939,	\$2,015 00
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* Twenty cents overpaid by tax collector, to be refunded.

*Year Ending January 31, 1940*Interesting Facts for the Citizens of This Town to
Think About

Total tax raised on Grand List for General Account,		\$ 7,058 10
Paid from General Account:		
Overseer of Poor, less credit of \$67.78,	\$1,391 55	
Winter maintenance, less State money due,	1,010 80	
Interest on borrowed money,	874 66	
Discounts allowed taxpayers and deducted from General Account:		
School,	\$173 23	
Highway,	83 63	
General,	238 94	
	—————	\$ 495 80
Farm Bureau,		36 01
County tax,		34 46
		————— \$ 3,843 28
Balance left for Selectmen's use,		\$ 3,214 82
Total tax raised on Grand List for Highways:		\$ 2,470 34
State Highway Assessment,	\$566 93	
Wardsboro Road Assessment,	281 23	
	—————	\$ 858 16
Balance left for Highways,		\$ 1,612 18

*School Account**For Year Ending January 31, 1940*

Received from State for school purposes,	\$ 2,382 64
Borrowed money,	1,000 00
Received from Town of Jamaica,	3,183 00

Received from State for repairs, and stand- ardization,	345 17
Tuition from Stratton,	280 00
Received from Village School Club,	32 80
School rent,	93 57
Interest on deposit,	13 38
Town school tax, rate \$1.45,	5,117 12
Refund on overpayment,	30
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	\$12,447 98
School orders,	9,333 22
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Balance of school fund,	\$ 3,114 76
School rent due,	\$81 40

Report of Public Health Nurse, 1939

Home nursing visits,	119	
Deliveries attended,	4	
		<i>Infants and</i>
	<i>School</i>	<i>Preschool</i>
<i>Clinics</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Children</i>
Number examined by physician,	102	22
Number immunized against diphtheria,	0	7
Number immunized against smallpox,	44	1
	REBECCA BENEDICT, R. N.	
	Public Health Nurse.	

Cemetery Report

*On Hand in Jamaica Branch of Vermont Savings Bank,
January 31, 1940*

Ward H. Eager fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	\$ 287 32
Oral N. Williams fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	51 78

Chloe J. Eddy fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	50 00
Ernest E. Bemis fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	50 00
Edgar M. Butler fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	50 00
Lillian H. Butler fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	101 65
S. T. R. Cheney fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	100 68
W. A. Newell fund:	
Sexton of Village Cemetery, trustee,	100 00
Phebe M. Converse fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	161 26
Mrs. Chas. Robbins fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	118 88
Eliza L. Barnes fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	109 25
Edith Brigham fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	121 87
Addison E. Shaffner fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	418 14
Stella M. Holden fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	50 50
Edna M. Burnap fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	50 00
Eunice A. Sprague fund:	
Selectmen of Jamaica, trustees,	55 57

Men Who Have Served As Selectmen

Lysander Howe	Benjamin Muzzy
O. F. Knowlton	Alpheus Kellogg
J. J. Crowley	David Eddy
W. L. Waterman	John E. Butler
S. T. R. Cheney	William Hastings

Clark Young	H. J. Wheeler
Henry J. Wheeler	J. B. Muzzy
C. H. Landman	R. B. Grout
E. M. Butler	B. G. Wilder
J. Q. Shumway	George H. Gleason
E. G. Pierce	R. H. Wheeler
A. O. Coleman	A. H. Coleman
H. J. Sage	A. V. D. Piper
F. B. Pier	A. B. Stark
W. H. Butler	N. D. Allen
W. L. Barnes	W. H. Coleman
D. Sherwin	A. W. Kidder
H. F. McLean	C. C. Landman
W. H. Hamilton	W. A. Newell
J. B. Williams	J. L. Castle
C. H. Taynton	F. M. Butler
A. F. Allen	R. H. Coleman

Town Clerks

William H. Church	Served 1781-82
Paul Hayward	Served 1782-84
Peter Hazeltine	Served 1784-85
Silas Howard	Served 1785-87
Caleb Howard	Served 1787-88
Peter Lamb	Served 1788-90
Ezra Livermore—43 years	Served 1790-1833
Nathaniel Cheney, Jr.	Served 1833-36
Dr. Joel Holton	Served 1836-46
Gilbert Shomway	Served 1846-47
Samuel T. R. Cheney	Served 1847-60
Joel Holton	Served 1860-64
Luke Howard	Served 1864-80
F. E. Smith	Served 1880-1906
A. W. Butler	Served 1906-26
Harry S. Sherwin	Served 1926-36
Ray G. Wilder	Served 1936-

Representatives

Extra Terms

1782	William H. Church	
1789	Silas Heyward	1791
1793	Ezra Livermore	1795, 1796, 1798, 1799, 1814
1794	Caleb Heyward	
1797	Benjamin Muzzy	1800, 1808, 1810, 1813
1809	Amos Howard, Jr.	
1817	Nathaniel Robbins	1820, 1823, 1826, 1829, 1830
1819	Asa Stevens	
1824	Zelotus Skinner	
1827	Peter R. Taft	1833, 1834
1828	Alpheus Kellogg	1857
1831	Nathaniel Cheney, Jr.	1832
1835	Timothy Goodale	1838
1837	Nathaniel Ames	
1839	Samuel T. R. Cheney	1840, 1841, 1854, 1855
1842	Solomon Newell	
1843	Luke Howard	1850
1846	Pliny Barrows	
1848	John E. Butler	1851, 1853
1852	Ira S. Field	
1856	David Eddy	
1858	Robert Myers	1861
1862	Elijah M. Torrey	1864
1865	Abijah Muzzy	
1866	Hoyt H. Wheeler	
1868	Joel Holton	1869
1870	Charles S. Clark	1872
1874	J. G. Eddy	
1876	Albert Sturges	

1880 W. C. Cushing

1882 Daniel Sherwin

1884, 1888, 1890

1886 J. Q. Shumway

1894 Frederick B. Pier

1898 Edgar M. Butler

Rueben Grout

George Gleason

Harry S. Sherwin

Roe Robinson

John L. Castle

Ralph J. Daggett

CHAPTER XX

GENEALOGY

Allen

Arthur F. Allen married Abbie Parsons, child:

- (1) Ernest O. Allen born August 30, 1884.

Ernest O. Allen married Florence Muzzy October 9, 1907, child:

- (1) Eleanor M. Allen born January 16, 1912.

Albert F. Allen born March 19, 1818, died October 4, 1899, married Catharine Pierce September 14, 1840, children:

- (1) Phineas Charles born October 7, 1843, died April 11, 1920.
- (2) Milton Eugene born October 3, 1847, died November 5, 1903.

Milton E. Allen married Amanda Betsey Pike July 13, 1867, children:

- (1) Katie Jane born March 16, 1870, married Andrew P. Abbott April 30, 1898.
- (2) Lillian May born April 30, 1882.

Phineas C. Allen married Matilda Douty April 23, 1870, child:

- (1) Carrie Elizabeth born August 8, 1875.

Carrie E. Allen married John H. Peck November 7, 1907, child:

- (1) Sybil born May 9, 1908, married Edwin R. Coleman December 25, 1935.

Frank W. Allen married Winnie Brown, children:

- (1) John Martin Allen married Angeline Hodgins, child:
 - (1) Beverly Winnifred Allen born November 15, 1937.

- (2) Frederick Brown Allen born May 4, 1918.
- (3) Lois Virginia Allen born March 16, 1921, married Franklin M. Howe, April 29, 1939.
- (4) Helen Priscilla Allen born November 3, 1924.

Bemis

Ernest E. Bemis born February 19, 1872, married Mabel White, who died February 28, 1929, children:

- (1) Leon W. Bemis born January 11, 1893, died June 2, 1939, married Beatrice Emerson June 14, 1911, children:
 - (1) Reginald Bemis born September 16, 1916.
 - (2) Beverly W. Bemis born August 2, 1918, married Wendall Landman August 25, 1939.
- (2) Viola C. Bemis born October 27, 1896, married Leroy Soper October 27, 1913, children:
 - (1) Frederick L. Soper born May 11, 1916.
 - (2) Marion Soper born October, 1917.
- (3) Cora M. Bemis born November 9, 1900, married Alden H. Torrey July 4, 1921, children:
 - (1) Virginia Torrey born January 20, 1923.
 - (2) Alden C. Torrey born July 30, 1927.
 - (3) Donna Lou Torrey born August 18, 1939.
- (4) Arthur Bemis born August 29, 1910, married Ruth A. Brown August 18, 1939.

Benson

Jud Benson married Lucy M. Brooks, who died April 30, 1936, age 68, child:

- (1) Guy Benson married Mabel Williams, children:
 - (1) Raymond C. Benson born January 15, 1920.
 - (2) Irene Anna Benson born October 6, 1925.
 - (3) Glenna Louise Benson born April 4, 1928.

Bolster

Lyle Bolster married Mildred O. Wilder October 16, 1921, children:

- (1) Dorothy Bolster born February 20, 1923.
- (2) Lucile Doris Bolster born November 8, 1924.
- (3) Purlis Ann Bolster born September 18, 1938.

Boynton

Timothy W. Boynton born May 31, 1808, died October 3, 1897, married Annis Parks November 13, 1832, died March 15, 1900, children:

- (1) Samuel T. Boynton born April 16, 1834.
- (2) Henry K. Boynton born March 9, 1836 (father of Paul Boynton).
- (3) Myron L. Boynton born November 9, 1838, died May 3, 1903, married Betsey D. Holden May 2, 1865, born November 6, 1844, died October 26, 1914, children:
 - (1) Frank M. Boynton born April 12, 1867, married (1) Eliza Marshall October 17, 1890, children:
 - (1) Freddie born April 10, 1892, died July 26, 1892.
 - (2) Lillian L. born August 25, 1896.
Married (2) Mary J. Carroll August 20, 1901, died October 22, 1927.
Married (3) Effie M. Davenport August 26, 1928, divorced 1933.
 - (2) Bertie Boynton born November 7, 1870, died March 18, 1871.
 - (3) Edward H. Boynton born March 18, 1873, died August 9, 1896.
 - (4) Addie L. Boynton born November 26, 1875, married A. P. Carpenter.
 - (5) Harland P. Boynton born August 1, 1881,

married Mabel C. Gleason June 24, 1903, child:

- (1) Howard G. Boynton born February 4, 1908, married Margaret E. Bastley September 14, 1936.
- (6) Bessie L. Boynton born October 29, 1883, married Charles Hubbard.
- (4) Atwell G. Boynton born May 24, 1843, died May 23, 1844.
- (5) Edward P. Boynton born April 22, 1845, died May 14, 1895.
- (6) Clara M. Boynton born May 10, 1847.
- (7) Herbert Boynton born March 8, 1852, died December 30, 1858.
- (8) William W. Boynton born June 26, 1856, died December 27, 1935.

Brooks

George E. Brooks married Mamie Bowen, child:

- (1) Ray Hermon Brooks born June 13, 1922.

Herbert Oliver Brooks married Ilene Cola Bills August 30, 1930.

Kenneth W. Brooks married Bertha Brigham July 18, 1931, child:

- (1) Kenneth William, Jr.

Butler

Aaron Butler, son of Jonathan, born August 4, 1755 in Connecticut, died March 12, 1787, a soldier in the Revolution, ensign in the Connecticut Regiment, Continental Army, discharged by the expiration of his term of service from Company C, Eighth Regiment December 1, 1775. He came to Jamaica in 1781 with his wife Thankful Wildman born January —, 1751, died April 25, 1827, had four children: (1) John, (2) Lucy, (3) Zacharia, (4) Aaron, Jr.

Aaron Butler, Jr., son of Aaron and Thankful, born July 24, 1783, died February 1, 1877, age 94, married Lucinda Hayward March 9, 1809. Lucinda born March 1, 1790, died December 17, 1849, children: (1) John Elson, (2) Nahan, (3) Aaron Mason, and five daughters.

John Elson Butler born December 14, 1809, died May 9, 1867, married Roccina Brooks October 25, 1837, children: three sons (1) John A., (2) Henry A., (3) George A.; John Elson Butler was admitted to the bar in 1837, commenced practice in Jamaica in 1843, was representative four years 1848, State senator 1858-59, vice-president and cashier of the West River Bank when he died in 1867.

Nahan Butler died in early manhood.

George A. Butler married Miss Prentice.

Aaron Mason Butler, son of Aaron, Jr. and Lucinda born December 28, 1815, died October 3, 1886, married Emeline Muzzy, daughter of James Muzzy, April 8, 1846, children: (1) Wayne M., (2) Fred M., (3) Edgar M.

Wayne M. Butler, son of Aaron M. and Emeline Muzzy, born July 19, 1848, died June 9, 1883, married Mary Clary September 2, 1876 who was burned to death when her home was totally destroyed by fire January 26, 1940, child: Albert W.

Albert W. Butler born January 3, 1879, married Minnie Livermore June 23, 1904, child: Wayne L. born May 30, 1905.

Fred Mason Butler, son of Aaron M. and Emeline M., born May 28, 1854, married L. Holton of Dummerston, daughter married John A. Barney. Fred M. Butler was City Court Judge, Rutland, Superior Court Judge, State Senator and Supreme Court Judge.

Edgar M. Butler, son of Aaron M. and Emeline M., born October 10, 1857, died December 22, 1928, married Carrie K. Prentiss January 2, 1883, children: (1) Maud married Leon Grout, (2) Ethel, (3) Lila, (4) Aaron Prentiss, (5) Frederick M.

Frederick M. Butler born August 8, 1899, married Ruth E. Palmer March 23, 1922, child: Evelyn born November 9, 1930.

Castle

John L. Castle married Emma Crowninshield July 16, 1921, children:

- (1) Marion Mabel Castle born April 14, 1922.
- (2) Margarite Annie Castle born May 6, 1929.
- (3) Phyllis Helena Castle born November 11, 1930.
- (4) Philip Alfred Castle born November 11, 1930.

Chamberlain

Dr. Moses Chamberlain came to Jamaica in 1835 and married a daughter of Benjamin Felton.

Chapin

Earl D. Chapin married Grace Cutting, child:

- (1) Una Gladys born March 16, 1925.

Cheney

Nathaniel Cheney, Sr., son of Wales, born October 1, 1753, died October 4, 1844, married Hannah Read August 23, 1791, had eight children:

- (1) Nathaniel E. born March 1, 1799, died August 9, 1874, married Maria Morse October 7, 1828, was storekeeper in Jamaica. Had six children (1) Nathaniel E., Jr. born October 28, 1831, died January 6, 1850 at Jamaica.
- (2) Samuel Torrey Read Cheney, 1st, son of Nathaniel, Sr. born June 29, 1805, married (1) Mary Eaton Kellogg November 2, 1830; married (2) Martha Ann Brown. Had seven children.

Wales Cheney, son of S. T. R. Cheney, 1st and Martha Ann Brown, born November 11, 1835, died December 4,

1923, married Jeralda Howard October 27, 1863, children:

- (1) William Wells born January 25, 1865, died November 6, 1938. Children: (1) John, (2) Raymond, (3) Harold.
- (2) Samuel Torrey Read, II born April 10, 1867, married Janet Margaret Dailey October 26, 1912, born July 7, 1865, died September 29, 1935.
- (3) Cecil born January 8, 1869, died July 25, 1912, children:
 - (1) Florence J.
 - (2) Wales A. born January 8, 1901, died January 27, 1935.
- (4) Albert born July 12, 1873, died September 7, 1919, children: (1) Albert, (2) Helen.
- (5) Mary K. born November 7, 1875.
- (6) Martha W. born February 26, 1878.
- (7) Nettie J. born March 4, 1881.
- (8) Bertha L. born June 11, 1883, died July 9, 1884.
- (9) Leon W. born July 19, 1886, married, 1912, Grace Rena Felton Cheney, born March 6, 1889, died August 20, 1940, child:
 - (1) Leola Felton Cheney born February 14, 1920.
- (10) Arthur B. born December 25, 1888, married Nellie C. Wilbur June 4, 1910, children:
 - (1) Julia Jeralda Cheney born April 24, 1911, married Robert L. Eddy August 17, 1940.
 - (2) Wilbur Wales Cheney born November 29, 1918.
 - (3) Mary Elizabeth Cheney born January 22, 1928.

Clark

Charles S. Clark married Alice E. Knight August 14, 1926, child:

- (1) Barbara Dean born March 31, 1928.

George L. Clark married Martha Stark, children :

- (1) George J., physician, died June 15, 1922, age 37.
- (2) Edith M. born December 7, 1882.

Martha Clark died March 13, 1924, age 63.

George L. Clark died March 9, 1936, age 82.

James Clark came to Jamaica at an early date and located on road No. 49. One of his older sons, Osmer N., born 1809, married Eliza R. Mahan August, 1829 and had nine children. His widow lived with their son Charles S. Clark in the Revilo Howard house in 1884.

Clayton

Gilbert W. Clayton married Leona Dumais May 19, 1923, children :

- (1) John Clayton born October 8, 1924.
- (2) Raymond Clayton born March 20, 1926.
- (3) William Clayton born July 22, 1928.
- (4) Rebecca Leona Clayton born November 17, 1939.

Coleman

Tenney H. Coleman married Ruth Dutton, child :

- (1) Laurence Emery born February 6, 1922.

Reginald H. Coleman married Beulah E. Carleton February 6, 1932, children :

- (1) Marie Kathryn born June 24, 1934.
- (2) Jenne Evelyn born May 26, 1938.

Edwin Rowe Coleman married Sybil A. Peck December 25, 1935, child :

- (1) Allen Rowe born October 26, 1936.

Connoly

William E. Connoly married Alice E. Torrey November 26, 1930, children :

- (1) Eloise Marjorie born October 12, 1934.
- (2) Clarence William born August 12, 1936.

Crowninshield

Alfred Crowninshield married Mabel Clark, children:

- (1) Marcus T. married Florence J. Cheney February 22, 1917, children:
 - (1) Wallace Wales born March 8, 1919.
 - (2) Alice Evelyn born July 13, 1925.
- (2) Wallace A. married Edna E. Brown, children:
 - (1) Della Ellen born January 27, 1921, married August 19, 1940 Glen Brooks.
 - (2) Norman Marcus born January 23, 1924.
 - (3) Bernard Lawrence born December 3, 1925.
 - (4) Vera Innes born September 5, 1930.
- (3) Emma married John L. Castle.
- (4) Ray Prouty married Vera Cutting March 22, 1935, children:
 - (1) Alfred born September 28, 1935.
 - (2) Ray born 1939.
- (5) Mabel married James Albert Perry.

Daggett

James C. Daggett born April 3, 1838, died July 21, 1912, married Mary Ann Wells, died December 12, 1881, children:

- (1) Emma M. married (1) Perlle E. Howard, (2) George E. Franklin, (3) Wales A. Newell November 19, 1939.
- (2) Ralph J. born December 5, 1876, married Jennie Day June 19, 1901.

Dodge

Charles M. Dodge married Alma Williams August 18, 1936, child:

- (1) Dorothy Mae born April 18, 1938.

Dwight E. Dodge married Esther C. Jones November 3, 1934, children:

- (1) Dwight Henry born April 3, 1935.
- (2) Arthur Wayne born July 3, 1937.

Eddy

David Eddy born August 3, 1801, died December 18, 1881, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Simmons) Eddy of Heath, Mass., came to Jamaica with his father in 1803. Married (1) Lucy Stockwell April 1, 1827 and had four children. Married (2) Lydia Pierce September 27, 1835 and had seven children. Married (3) Maria Dexter January 22, 1868, no children.

- (1) David Eddy, Jr., son of David and Lydia Pierce Eddy, married (1) Lucretia E. Holton and married (2) Chloe J. Dobbin.

Felton

Benjamin Felton born July 31, 1771 in Brookfield, Mass., died October 18, 1858 in Jamaica. Married (1) Nancy Ellis September —, 1794 and had four children born in Massachusetts, (1) Eliza C., (2) Nathan B., (3) Dwight F., (4) Asa E. In 1808 he bought the grist- and sawmill at Wardsboro City and carried on the business until 1828. He had four more children born in Vermont. In 1828 with his wife and four younger children he moved to Jamaica, children: (1) Lucy D., (2) Horatio L., (3) Henry H., (4) Theodocia R. Nancy Ellis Felton died May 1, 1836. Benjamin Felton was postmaster 1828 and also in 1835. Married (2) Milly Livermore October 4, 1836.

Horace E. Felton born December 2, 1852 at Landgrove, Vt., died January 7, 1935 at Jamaica. Married Leora E. Carey born July 30, 1859, died June 7, 1930, child:

- (1) Grace Rena Felton married Leon W. Cheney.

Foskett

Sullivan Foskett died August 14, 1890, married Marcia E. Ross June 2, 1862, died April, 1930, child:

- (1) William E. born March 9, 1863, died March 2, 1936, married Stella M. Howard April 18, 1894, child:
(1) Hobart H. born February 25, 1895.

Fuller

Abiah Fuller came from Putney in 1793 with his four sons, (1) Abiah, Jr., (2) Abel, (3) Joshua, and (4) Joseph and several daughters. Abiah, Jr. married Betsey Blandin in 1800 and had nine children. One, Abiah P. married Phoebe Stiles June 13, 1843 and had three sons and two daughters. Abiah P. cleared two farms on road No. 1 and lived here forty-nine years. Abiah, Jr. died in Jamaica February 15, 1859.

Garfield

James A. Garfield married Fannie J. Ballard March 7, 1934.

Gleason

Josiah Gleason with three brothers: Benjamin, Jonathan, and Elisha, came to Jamaica before 1800. Josiah made the first clearing on road 38.

Squire Gleason born November 21, 1806, died March 29, 1877, married Candace Howard, born November 28, 1818, died July 2, 1888, children:

(1) Charles H.

(2) William F. born October 13, 1843, died December 22, 1909, married Cora E. Willard September 21, 1872, children:

(1) Earl H. married Mabel A. Yearly.

(2) Mabel C. born April 19, 1881, married H. P. Boynton June 24, 1903.

(3) Nina V. married George H. Hollenbeck May 12, 1911.

(4) Irene D. died January 5, 1911.

George H. Gleason born November 26, 1873, married Mary Allen February 20, 1895, children:

(1) Iola M. born March 21, 1896.

(2) Claude F. born September 17, 1898, married (1)

Catharine Bishop, (2) Thelma L. Harris April 13, 1932, children:

- (1) George Everett born February 20, 1933.
- (2) Arnold Fremont born October 13, 1934.
- (3) Gerald Harris born April 14, 1940.

Eliza Ann Gleason, daughter of Lydia and Allan Gleason, born November 5, 1835 in Jamaica, died July 22, 1933, married Simeon Stebbins Day September 1, 1859, two children born in Jamaica.

- (1) Minnie Eliza Day born April 27, 1872, married F. S. Smith June 3, 1888.
- (2) Jennie Adaline Day born September 27, 1874, married Ralph J. Daggett June 19, 1901.

Martin H. Gleason married Ruby Perry December 16, 1919, children:

- (1) Martin H., Jr. born March 11, 1921.
- (2) Frances Ellen born May 6, 1922.
- (3) John Perry born June, 1924.

Arthur E. Gleason married Maleska A. Capin, child:

- (1) Arthur Edwin.

Teacher of Horsemanship and Trainer



RESOLUTE

Tamed by Prof. Gleason.

Oscar R. Gleason, son of Charles F. Gleason, Jr., born July 14, 1856, at Petersham, Mass., married Cathleen E. Jordan, 1879, of Pennsylvania. In 1868 he went to Iowa with his parents and they gave him a cow pony at that

time. In 1871 he returned to Vermont and was at Jamaica and Wardsboro. His first exhibition was at Readsboro in 1875, next performance was at Wardsboro in 1876. Receipts were \$22. At Hazardville, Conn., receipts were \$212. When twenty years old he gave his father a note for \$150 for his freedom and was so successful that his father and he formed a company, the Prof. O. R. Gleason Co. The father died in 1878. At York, Penn., he had a class of 1600 and at the end of a four months' term gave a free turkey dinner to all the class. He gave exhibitions in many cities in the United States and Canada: Boston Riding Academy 1886; Madison Square Garden, six days, February, 1887; Boston, Highland Rink, April 17, 1888; Worcester, Mass., Rink, November 19, 1887; Boston, Mechanics Building, December 3, 1893; Jamaica, Vt., on lot next to the bank, 1893. First book published in 1887. Second book published in 1890.

Grout

Reuben Grout made a study of the bee and bee culture for many years, and produced many kinds of high-grade honey. His queen bees were in demand and he sold many at \$5 each. He served as representative, selectman, and road commissioner for the town. Died 1938, aged 80 years.

Hamilton

Charles H. Hamilton married Ruth M. Jones July 4, 1928, children:

- (1) Charles H., Jr. born November 2, 1930.
- (2) Doris Evelyn born January 1, 1936.
- (3) Neil Howard born August 26, 1937.

Hayward

William Hayward, now spelled Howard, was father of fourteen sons, six of whom lived in Jamaica.

In 1780 there were twelve families living in town and seven were Howards.

Among those who came and located before the town charter were: William Hayward, Caleb Hayward, Silas Hayward, Benjamin Howard, Paul Howard, William Church, Stephen Wilcox (Sabin), Amariah Taft, Peter Hazeltine, John Wright. All located along the river.

Later came Amos Skinner from Alstead, N. H., in 1781, Elisha Chase from Petersham, Mass., in 1783, Samuel Lamb from Petersham, Mass., in 1783, John B. Hinds, from Blandford, Mass., in 1784, Hezekiah Howe from Alstead, N. H., in 1784.

Hazelton

Peter Hazelton built the first grist- and sawmill in 1782-83 on road No. 45.

Hefflon

Otis Reed Hefflon married Doris I. Robinson October 13, 1930, child:

- (1) Allan Otis born December 21, 1935.

Henderson

Harold A. Henderson married Ethel M. Olson, child:

- (1) Mabel Annette born December 23, 1926.

Holton

Dr. Joel Holton born May 14, 1803, died 1884. Came to Jamaica in 1831 and practiced for fifty-two years. He was a prominent Baptist and was town clerk from 1836 to 1848 and from 1860 to 1863. Was representative in 1868-69. Married (1) Lucretia Bugbee, died 1839. Married (2) Paulina Dalton in 1839, children: (1) Warren L., (2) George W., (3) Lucretia E., who married David Eddy, Jr. Artist Wood of Montpelier wished to portray a "Coun-

try Doctor'' and he selected Dr. Holton as a type and induced him to pose in that character, this portrait is now in Montpelier.

George W. Holton married Chloe J. Dobbin September 14, 1887, was appointed postmaster 1888. Also was a teacher of penmanship.

Hosley

Frank G. Hosley born April 28, 1860, died March 6, 1928, married Grace L. Wood January 14, 1890, child:

- (1) Lottie J. born October 28, 1892, married (1) James S. Bassett August 28, 1912, child: Grayce Elizabeth Bassett. Married (2) Joseph T. Girard July 2, 1927.

Howard

Benjamin Howard, born 1715, died 1784, came to Jamaica as one of the first settlers and in 1781 was one of the first selectmen of the town. He had fourteen sons and six of them lived in Jamaica, and he was the ancestor from whom many of that name descended.

Paul, son of Benjamin, was lister in 1781. George, son of Paul, lived on road No. 8, Turkey Mountain. Willard, son of George, also lived on road No. 8, Turkey Mountain.

Nathan Howard, son of Benjamin, had a large family, all daughters; one, Nelly, was said to have been the first female child born in Jamaica, February 21, 1780.

Sylvia Howard, a cousin of Nelly, and daughter of Levi, married Peter R. Taft, grandfather of President William Howard Taft.

Amos Howard, Jr., born March 7, 1797, died January 21, 1873. Married (1) Wealthy Chase, January 18, 1826, and had five children: Martin born May 30, 1830; Revilo born August 31, 1832; Clark born May 12, 1835; Henry born June 15, 1837; Albert born March 9, 1840.

Married (2) Laura Boynton, December 20, 1840 and

had seven children: Frank born March 18, 1845, died March 9, 1863; Alfred born September 25, 1847; Laura born January 8, 1849; Ella born January 29, 1852, died June 15, 1898; Fred born April 14, 1853, died March 22, 1884; L. S. born August 30, 1855; John Luther born August 3, 1859.

Fred Howard, fifth child of Amos, Jr., and Laura Boynton born April 14, 1853, married December 29, 1875, Flora Williams, and had one child, Stella Malitta, born October 29, 1879. Stella Malitta Howard is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, National No. 134439.

Revilo Howard, second child of Amos, Jr., and Wealthy Chase, was born in this house August 31, 1832, and lived here many years. Died March 19, 1922. He married Mary L. Clark July 6, 1875. The name Revilo was made up by spelling Oliver backward. This house was one of the oldest in town and at one time was used as a parsonage by the Congregational church. It later was owned by Ella A. Ryder and was bought by the Bookers, December 31, 1930.

Howe

Raymond W. Howe married Iola M. Gleason July 25, 1918, children:

- (1) James born May 21, 1919.
- (2) Wales born April 7, 1921.
- (3) Elaine born May 30, 1924.
- (4) Eris Marjorie born August 1, 1928.
- (5) Alan Lyle born July 19, 1930.

John Howe, known as "Miller Howe," in 1785 owned and operated the Hazelton grist- and sawmill built in 1782 on road No. 45 on Whetstone Brook, East Jamaica. He had six sons and three daughters. Two sons, Elijah and Joel, carried on the milling business for many years. John, Jr., Joel, Simon, and Peter lived in Jamaica. Abi-

jah, a younger son, was a shoemaker and lived on road No. 24, he married Margaret Crapo and had nine children. Asa, born in 1814 lived in Jamaica in 1884. Elijah married Annie Fisher and had four children. Elliot and Alfred were also living in Jamaica in 1884.

Jones

Mason H. Jones born November 6, 1863, died February 10, 1931, children:

- (1) Chester H. born March 25, 1886.
- (2) Irene M. born March 14, 1898.
- (3) Lester M. born February 18, 1901.
- (4) Leonard E. born May 24, 1904.
- (5) Ruth M. born August 3, 1912.
- (6) Esther C. born May 24, 1915.
- (7) Leo A. born September 5, 1917.

Chester H. Jones married Florence Chamberlain, children:

- (1) Vernon Malcolm born July 30, 1924.
- (2) Marvis Irene born December 3, 1926.

Lester M. Jones married Eva E. Ellonen December 1, 1926, child:

- (1) Mary Elizabeth born July 19, 1930.

Perley L. Jones married Emma Howard, children:

- (1) Marguerite Lily born January 13, 1922.
- (2) Madelyn Evelyn born January 31, 1924.

Raymond C. Jones married Aisla C., child:

- (1) Verne Kenneth born March 25, 1923.

Kingsbury

Asa B. Kingsbury in 1820, with three brothers from Chesterfield, N. H., Arnold B., Squire A., and Ward P., made clearings just north of Ball Mountain. They cleared adjoining land and each had large families, thirty-four in all, and ten served in the Civil War.

Henry D. Kingsbury married Thelma A. Rawson, children:

- (1) Joyce Evelyn Kingsbury born September 21, 1932.
- (2) Durwood Rawson Kingsbury born October 2, 1935.

Knight

Rixford Knight married Mary Schindler, children:

- (1) William Knight.
- (2) John Pike Knight born May 3, 1936.
- (3) Margaret Katharen Knight born July 9, 1940.

Knights

Frank D. Knights married Irene Wright, children:

- (1) Lucile Catharine Knights born August 5, 1921.
- (2) Son born December 4, 1923.
- (3) William Henry Knights born March 24, 1925.
- (4) Irene Maud Knights born October 16, 1927.
- (5) Normand John Knights born May 28, 1930.
- (6) Catharine Arline Knights born April 25, 1932, died February 11, 1933.
- (7) Catharine Arline Knights born December 10, 1933.
- (8) Birdie May Knights born February 17, 1938.
- (9) Daughter born April 23, 1940.

Knowlton

Joseph Knowlton married Mary Knowlton and settled in Wardsboro, one son.

- (1) Nathan settled in Newfane, one son.
 - (1) Benjamin was father of Benjamin Laurinton Knowlton a lawyer in Jamaica, child:
 - (1) John L. Knowlton of Jamaica, died July 5, 1939, married Belle Genevieve Clark, child:
 - (1) Laurinton Edward Knowlton.

Landman

Clifton C. Landman married (1) Margaret L. Lackey February 26, 1916, children :

- (1) Wendall Edgar born January 26, 1917.
- (2) Raymond Clifton born January 24, 1922.
- (3) Burton Kenneth born January 7, 1924.

Margaret Lackey Landman died January 7, 1924.

Married (2) Ruth Thelma Martin October 27, 1928, children :

- (1) Edwin Charles born August 26, 1929 at Springfield, Vt.
- (2) Reginald Winchester born September 14, 1931, at Springfield, Vt.
- (3) Joyce Thelma born November 6, 1933 at Springfield, Vt.

Wendall E. Landman married Beverly W. Bemis August 25, 1939.

Luke Landman married Hannah Butterfield October 30, 1830 and came to Jamaica in 1834; lived on road No. 7, district 14 for thirty-seven years, had twelve children, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary October 30, 1880. Mrs. Luke Landman was a daughter of Zenos Butterfield and a granddaughter of Capt. Ezra Butterfield who served with General Stark at the Battle of Bennington.

Linscott

Charles Linscott married Linda Clayton, children :

- (1) Leona Evelyn born January 24, 1926.
- (2) Burton Henry born February 11, 1928.

Livermore

Abijah Livermore born December 12, 1727 in Weston, Mass. Married (1) Anna Graves November 4, 1760. Married (2) Sarah Howe November 24, 1795. Died January 18, 1817 in Spencer, Mass. He was a lieutenant and served

in the Revolution, 1775. In 1787 he bought three lots of land on West Hill in Jamaica and the next year his two sons, Ezra and Abijah went there and cleared the land. He had eight children born in Spencer: (1) Ezra, (2) Abijah, (3) Lot.

Ezra born February 13, 1762, married Milley Gage February 4, 1789, died December 29, 1834 in Jamaica, had twelve children born in Jamaica.

Abijah born February 22, 1766, married Rebecca Hammond February 1, 1791, died August 12, 1830 in Jamaica, had five children born in Jamaica.

Lot born June 16, 1768, married Ruth Daniels November 5, 1801, died March 23, 1835 in Jamaica.

Jesse Livermore, son of Ezra and Milley Gage Livermore, born June 9, 1792, married Mary Brown Rawson October 17, 1818, died July 10, 1853 in Hanover, N. Y. Nine children born in Jamaica.

- (1) Lyman born July 19, 1819, died July 27, 1819.
- (2) Lyman Rawson Livermore born November 20, 1820, died October 1, 1869.
- (3) Emory Willard born May 30, 1823.
- (4) William Ward born May 31, 1825.
- (5) Judson Adoniram born September 23, 1827, died 1928.
- (6) Juliett born April 20, 1829.
- (7) Mary Ann born July 20, 1830.
- (8) Cynthia born February 14, 1834.
- (9) Amanda born April 1, 1836.

Moved to Hanover, N. Y. in 1836.

Asa Livermore, son of Ezra and Milley Gage Livermore, born December 7, 1802 in Jamaica, married Eliza Cobb November 2, 1829, died April 15, 1890 in Westerville, Ohio. Moved to Westerville in 1869, had four children. Taught school in Jamaica three years.

Abijah Livermore, son of Abijah and Rebecca Hammond Livermore, born December 27, 1791 in Jamaica,

married Sophia Lowell ———, died February 14, 1860 in Jamaica.

Justice Lot Livermore, son of Abijah and Rebecca Hammond Livermore, born August 27, 1795 in Jamaica, married Christian Muzzy December 5, 1816, died January 3, 1842 in Jamaica. Had six children born in Jamaica.

Milley Livermore, daughter of Ezra and Milley Gage Livermore, born April 9, 1796, married Benjamin Felton October 4, 1836, died December 21, 1863 in Jamaica.

Lydia Livermore, daughter of Ezra and Milley Gage Livermore, born April 30, 1798, married Allen Gleason March 16, 1826, died September 14, 1881 in Jamaica. Had six children born in Jamaica.

Ezra Livermore, son of Ezra and Milley Gage Livermore, born June 16, 1800 in Jamaica, married Clarissa Pierce November 2, 1825, died December 24, 1863. Had six children born in Jamaica and six children born in Hanover, N. Y.

Samuel Livermore, son of Samuel and Silence Livermore, born September 25, 1790 in Jamaica, married Mercy Leonard January 1, 1816, died August 29, 1869 in Londonderry, Vt. After marriage settled in Windham, Vt. Had seven children.

Leverna Livermore, daughter of Hammond and Fanny Howard Livermore, born November 13, 1831 in Jamaica, married Adams Twitchell March 27, 1852. Three children.

Hammond J. Livermore, son of Hammond and Fanny Howard Livermore, born November 6, 1834 in Jamaica, married Lucy Livermore March 3, 1858. Moved to Wisconsin.

Lowe

Edward H. Lowe married Mary Grindley, child:

(1) Robert Edward born February 3, 1928.

Herman Boynton Lowe married Lila Brooks December 18, 1926, children:

- (1) Herman B., Jr. born August 16, 1930.
- (2) Phyllis born December 8, 1935.
- (3) David George born November 7, 1937.
- (4) Wallace Henry born June 25, 1939.

McLean

Henry A. McLean born December 28, 1859, married Hattie T. Felton August —, 1888, children:

- (1) Ruth E. born May 21, 1890.
- (2) Mark F. born March 10, 1894.

Ruth E. McLean married John S. Robinson, child:

- (1) Elizabeth Ruth Robinson born July 14, 1918.

Mark F. McLean married Florence A. Dibble, children:

- (1) Thelma Irene born January 10, 1921.
- (2) Helen Adele born February 10, 1922.
- (3) Mark Linwood born November 8, 1923.
- (4) Frank Frisbee born September 18, 1926, died May 8, 1934.

Monroe

Arlo P. Monroe married Eleanore M. Allen June 12, 1938.

Mowrey

George F. Mowrey married Delia P. Beebe, children:

- (1) Carl Park born October 12, 1926.
- (2) Earl Chester born November 20, 1929.
- (3) Louise Ellen born March 9, 1932.
- (4) Son born March 4, 1936.

Muzzy

Benjamin Muzzy born August 14, 1765, died December 31, 1813 in Jamaica. Married Elizabeth Ingalls January 4, 1787. Came to Jamaica with his wife and two small

children in 1789; built a cabin and cleared land on West Hill; carried meal on his back through the wilderness by blazed trail. Was town representative for several years. Was captain of the town militia and one of the founders of the Congregational church. Had eleven children, nine of whom were born in Jamaica.

James Muzzy, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ingalls, born March 30, 1789, died in Jamaica November 18, 1870. Married Rebecca Livermore January 1, 1813. When about twenty-one years old, with his pack on his back, and \$20 in his pocket, started for the lumber district in Canada, about 500 miles away. He arrived there safely, obtained work, and remained about a year. Not long after his return home his father died. He lived on the old farm until 1857 when he sold it and moved to the village below the Baptist church. He was one of the founders of the Baptist church and a deacon for thirty years. Had nine children.

Abijah Muzzy, son of James and Rebecca Livermore Muzzy, born May 30, 1817 in Jamaica, died May 23, 1888, married Mary Ann Phillips July 19, 1844, children:

(1) Phila M. born August 6, 1849.

(2) James A. born July 23, 1853, died October 11, 1930.

James A. Muzzy, son of Abijah and Mary Ann Phillips, married Elnora Sherwin January 19, 1875, children:

(1) Florence M. born April 29, 1881.

(2) J. Harold born July 28, 1883.

Florence Muzzy married Ernest O. Allen October 9, 1907.

J. Harold Muzzy married Florence Chapman October 9, 1907.

Benjamin Muzzy, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ingalls, born August 8, 1798 in Jamaica, married Phila E. Livermore March 27, 1821 at Jamaica, child:

(1) Malitta born May 10, 1825.

Malitta Muzzy, daughter of Benjamin and Phila E.,

married John Williams September 13, 1848 at Jamaica, child:

- (1) Flora Isadore born June 15, 1849, died October 24, 1923.

Newell

Wales A. Newell married (1) Florence E. Shumway, died February 26, 1935. Married (2) Mary Emma Franklin November 19, 1939. He has served as selectman, and is sexton of the village cemetery.

Perry

Bert L. Perry married Minnie Cowdrey October 14, 1894, children:

- (1) Merton L. born June 28, 1895.
- (2) Ruby born January 19, 1898.

Merton L. Perry married Mildred C. Marden March 22, 1924, children:

- (1) Joyce Minna born May 5, 1925.
- (2) Marden Leon born March 6, 1927.

Ruby Perry married Martin H. Gleason December 16, 1919, children:

- (1) Martin Henry Gleason, Jr. born March 11, 1921.
- (2) Frances Ellen Gleason born May 6, 1922.
- (3) John Perry Gleason born June 1, 1924.

Ira Frank Perry married Marjorie M. Torrey June 12, 1927, child:

- (1) George Francis born June 15, 1938.

James Albert Perry married Mabel Crowninshield.

Pierce

Elisha G. Pierce born November 2, 1790, married Elizabeth Smith January 1, 1816, children:

- (1) Charles Henry born March 23, 1818.
- (2) John Waldo born February 17, 1820.
- (3) Elisha G., Jr. born January 15, 1822.

John Waldo Pierce married ———, children :

- (1) Almira Pierce.
- (2) Ellen Pierce.
- (3) Ned Fremont born September 3, 1861.

Ned F. Pierce married Carrie Allen, children :

- (1) Clarence Waldo born February 7, 1896.
- (2) Guy Fremont born August 21, 1900.

Ned F. Pierce died April 1, 1939.

Carrie Allen Pierce died January 29, 1939.

Clarence W. Pierce married Marjorie Slader April 27, 1918, child :

- (1) Loraine A. born August 4, 1920.

Guy F. Pierce married Ruth Allen April 13, 1935, child :

- (1) Neil Allen born December 14, 1936.

Pike

Isaac Newton Pike married Jane Holt Stiles April 12, 1830, children :

- (1) Olive Stiles Pike born March 29, 1831, died August 6, 1874, married (1) Mr. Moulton, (2) Oscar Knight.
- (2) Norman Taylor Pike born September 13, 1832, died November 30, 1864.
- (3) Rhoda Stiles Howe Pike born September 1, 1834, died September 26, 1913, married Elisha Bingham.
- (4) Henry Kimball Pike born June 20, 1836, died December 7, 1894, married Sarah C. Bourn.
- (5) Calvin Newton Pike born February 6, 1838, died June 21, 1923.
- (6) Daniel Webster Pike born July 13, 1840, died October 9, 1840.
- (7) Silas Pike born August 30, 1841, died May 31, 1923.
- (8) Betsey Amanda Pike born May 26, 1844, died October 30, 1923.

- (9) Oscar Pike born December 11, 1848, died June 30, 1850.

Calvin N. Pike married (1) Emmeline R. Wilder January 2, 1867, died February 20, 1900. Married (2) Sarah C. Pike (widow of Henry) September 20, 1900, died October 4, 1904. Married (3) Lora G. Maranville June 19, 1910. Children first marriage:

- (1) Eugene N. Pike born January 25, 1863, died July 24, 1864.
- (2) Leon M. Sawyer (adopted by C. N. Pike) born August 5, 1865.
- (3) Nellie Emma Pike born February 13, 1866, died September 13, 1867.
- (4) Gracie Maybelle Pike born October 12, 1870.
- (5) Nettie Betsey J. Pike born July 21, 1875.
- (6) Viola Gertrude Pike born October 6, 1880, married B. H. Mehuron.

Silas Pike married Lestina Bailey, children: (1) Alta, (2) Bert, (3) Roy Pike born July 9, 1878, died 1932, (4) Jessie.

Henry K. Pike married Sarah C. Bourn, child:

- (1) Sadie Pike married Royal Clayton.

Rawson

Bailey Rawson, son of William was born in Oxford, Mass., in 1760, married Susanna Brown of Keene, N. H., children: (1) Bailey, Jr., (2) Lyman, (3) Lowell, also three daughters. In 1810 made a clearing where Rawsonville now is, built a dam on Winhall River and erected a sawmill. He served as a fifer in the Revolutionary War. He had thirteen grandsons who served in the Civil War. Died December 18, 1848, age 88 years.

Bailey Rawson, Jr. married (2) Asenath Gale, children: (1) Webster L., (2) Sylvester E., (3) Bradford B.

Bradford B. Rawson married Luthera E. Cobb February 28, 1871, children:

- (1) Edward B. born May 18, 1872.
- (2) Alfred W. born June 11, 1874, died December —, 1939.
- (3) Jerome born July 2, 1881.

Edward B. Rawson married Carrie J. Coleman, child:

- (1) Plimpton Walter born August 14, 1907.

Alfred W. Rawson married Mary Benson November 30, 1899, children: (1) Ethelbert, (2) Fay.

Sylvester E. Rawson born May 19, 1839, died October 28, 1905, married Flora S. Twitchell, child:

- (1) Leroy S. born May 20, 1874.

Gilbert D. Rawson married Minnie M. Bowen February 8, 1925, children:

- (1) Winslow Orville born March 24, 1930.
- (2) Robert Edward born April 4, 1932.
- (3) Georgiana May born March 6, 1934.

Robbins

Nathaniel Robbins, from Paxton, Mass., was an early settler at East Jamaica, locating on a farm, and when he died two sons, Loring and Charles, worked the farm. Loring died in 1871 and was succeeded by Charles. This was on road No. 28.

Robinson

Elijah Robinson, son of Capt. Paul Robinson and Hannah Trumball, born July 25, 1750, died August, 1826, married Mary Dike in 1780. Had six children, four of whom settled in Jamaica.

John Robinson, son of Elijah and Mary Dike, born January 24, 1782, died August 15, 1865, married Hannah Patch October 10, 1802. Had six children and settled on West Hill, 1804.

John Patch Robinson, son of John and Hannah Patch, born June 27, 1814, died September 6, 1898, married Mary Cheney Brown April, 1838. Had five children.

John Cheney Robinson, son of John Patch and Mary Cheney Brown, born September 12, 1840, died September 21, 1912, married Ella Juelma Cheney. Had four children:

- (1) John Stowell born April 20, 1879.
- (2) Carroll Cheney born September 25, 1880.
- (3) Roe Elijah born March 24, 1886.
- (4) Mary born December 10, 1890.

John Stowell Robinson married Ruth C. McLean, child:

- (1) Ruth Elizabeth born July 14, 1918.

Carroll C. Robinson married Mabel Sage, children:

- (1) Maynard Cheney born June 29, 1909.
- (2) Marjorie Lucile born March 23, 1915.

Roe Elijah Robinson married Cecil Doane, child:

- (1) Doris born October 7, 1906.

Rogers

William H. Rogers married Harriet D. Moorhouse, children:

- (1) William H., Jr.
- (2) Patience M. born March 18, 1934.
- (3) Constance Ann born April 5, 1937, died April 7, 1937.

Ryder

Frederick M. Ryder married Ella A. Lillie, child:

- (1) Lena A. born November 17, 1879, married John X. White June 29, 1901.

Sage

Jarad Sage, son of Jonathan, born in Shaftsbury, Vt. In 1780 he married Elizabeth Howard and moved to Jamaica in 1803, locating on Turkey Mountain. Later he moved to the western part of the town, Sage Hill. He had ten children, three sons lived in Jamaica, (1) S. Emery, (2) Jarad, Jr., (3) John B.

John B. Sage married Nancy Holton, had four sons and one daughter.

S. Emery Sage married (1) Martha S. Holton, sister of Nancy. Married (2) Lois Richmond and had a large family.

Henry J. Sage married Etta Maynard and had three daughters: (1) Della M., (2) Mattie, (3) Mabel. Mabel married Carroll C. Robinson.

Sherwin

Daniel Sherwin born September 11, 1833, died March 7, 1910, married 1st Welthia M. Shepard October 2, 1855, born January 17, 1836, died September 4, 1862, children:

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| (1) Elnora J. born December 25, 1856, married James A. Muzzy January 19, 1875. | |
| (2) Harvey B. S. born March 4, 1859, died March 5, 1862. | } Buried in same casket. |
| (3) Elmer E. born May 30, 1861, died March 3, 1862. | |

Daniel Sherwin married 2nd Mary A. Sage, born 1838, died 1924, children:

- (1) Harry S. born August 21, 1867, died December 13, 1936.
- (2) Grace M. born December 23, 1870, died 1911.

Harry S. Sherwin married Blanch Williams, born June 18, 1873, died December 26, 1908.

Grace M. Sherwin married (1) Alston Howe, child, Rita. Married (2) L. G. Noble.

Shumway

Lewis Shumway born August 18, 1776, died October 23, 1860. Married (1) Lucy Smith August 8, 1797, died January 19, 1834. Had thirteen children. Married (2)

Sally Mason July 24, 1834, died July 29, 1841. Had two children:

(1) John Quincy born May 19, 1835, died October 26, 1905.

(2) Elizabeth born October 28, 1838.

John Quincy Shumway married Olive Ann Waterman August 13, 1858, children:

(1) M. Agnes married Howard F. Wolcott.

(2) Arthur E. married Minnie Clark.

(3) Olive E. married George A. Upson.

Was deputy sheriff in 1878, collector of taxes in 1881-89, representative 1886, high sheriff 1888.

Skinner

Zelotes Skinner, a noted teacher, was the first teacher in Jamaica, and at different times taught in twenty-one schools. Died June 10, 1837, age 63. Betsey, his wife, died July 28, 1850, age 73.

Edmund C. Skinner, undertaker and coffin maker on Water Street 1884.

Moses C. Skinner, on road no. 24, carpenter 1884.

Zelotes M. Skinner, mason and builder on Water Street 1884.

Smith

Elmer B. Smith married Eliza Pitts, children:

(1) Son born September 10, 1921.

(2) Marie Theresa born November 16, 1924.

(3) June Angeline born June 5, 1926.

(4) Chauncey Benjamin born May 2, 1928.

(5) Elmer Benjamin born March 25, 1934.

(6) Oscar James born February 11, 1938.

Sprague

Lorenzo N. Sprague was the first agent for the Jamaica Leather Co., October, 1859. Was also agent for the town

and helpful in filling the quota of soldiers in the war of 1861-65. Was justice of peace and deputy sheriff. Died May 13, 1893. Fred L. Sprague was a son.

Stark

Alonzo B. Stark died August 17, 1938, age 80 years. Married Anna L. Shepardson, died November 29, 1934, age 74, children: (1) Pearl, (2) Verne, (3) Ruby, (4) Alice.

Benjamin Stark married Ruth P. White May 8, 1919, children:

- (1) Marion born January 31, 1920.
- (2) Earl born July 8, 1922.
- (3) William Benjamin born November 11, 1924.
- (4) Herbert Roscoe born August 9, 1927.
- (5) Ethel Irene born June 7, 1931.
- (6) Ned Lawrence born April 6, 1934.
- (7) Molly Elizabeth born February 22, 1937.

George M. Stark born June 8, 1862, died October 28, 1933, married Melvina Allen born April 6, 1869, died December 31, 1901, child:

- (1) Merrill A. born December 5, 1888.

Merrill A. Stark married Mary Niles May 30, 1912, child:

- (1) Malcolm A. born February 8, 1914, married Stella R. Martin, July 24, 1935, children:
 - (1) Nancy Ann born February 9, 1936.
 - (2) Molly Joan born May 28, 1937.

Edward Stark died September 12, 1928.

Ernest Stark died 1937.

Myrtle Stark died 1929.

Stephens

Harrison Stephens born in Jamaica October 7, 1801, died in Montreal. He left Jamaica at an early age, taken

by his parents to St. Albans. Moved to Montreal in 1828 and was very successful in business and real estate; carried a large deposit in the Bank of Montreal which was unfriendly about discounts, so he drew \$150,000 in silver and in the winter loaded it on a sled, two tons, and went to New York, riding on the sled with his drivers. He deposited it in a New York bank and drew his drafts against it until the Montreal bank came to terms. The estimated wealth when he died was from five million to seven million dollars. He had three children: George Washington Stephens, alderman at Montreal; Romeo Stephens, Sheldon Stephens.

Stone

Delbert L. Stone married Phoebe Lackey, child:

- (1) William Henry born April 30, 1922.

Delmar L. Stone married Stella A. Dwinnell March 9, 1926, child:

- (1) Thelma Aurelia born April 26, 1928.

Clifton J. Stone married Beulah Duperault October 5, 1929, children:

- (1) Jeanette Ruth born April 9, 1930.
- (2) Doris Ethel born April 17, 1932.
- (3) James Clifton born December 8, 1935.

Lyman Harvey Stone married Margaret Grazier June 11, 1927, child:

- (1) Lyman Kendall born May 3, 1928.

Styles

Viron L. Styles died May 17, 1936, married Minnie A. Brooks who died April 18, 1935, child:

- (1) Raymond L.

Raymond L. Styles married Irene M. Jones, children:

- (1) Gerald born April 18, 1919.
- (2) Ellwood Floyd born April 29, 1928.

Twing

Luke Twing married —, children :

- (1) Elmer.
- (2) Earl died January 5, 1929, age 18.

Walter C. Twing married Elizabeth Rice, children :

- (1) Joseph Henry born August 25, 1917.
- (2) William Samuel born March 30, 1920.
- (3) James Arthur born October 6, 1921.

Twitchell

David Twitchell, son of Joseph, born February 25, 1809, in Wardsboro, died, 1881, in Jamaica, married Louisa Wood March 12, 1835, children :

- (1) Joseph born May 29, 1836 in Wardsboro.
- (2) Melissa born May 9, 1839 in Wardsboro.
- (3) Henry M. born February 26, 1841 in Jamaica.
- (4) Laura W. born October 27, 1842 in Jamaica.
- (5) Florinda S. born July 23, 1846 in Jamaica.
- (6) Louisa E. born May 22, 1848 in Jamaica.
- (7) Fremont D. born July 25, 1850 in Jamaica.

Van Ness

Walter Van Ness married Elsie M. Wheeler, child :

- (1) Pauline M. born April 3, 1928.

Divorced and Elsie M. married Frank H. Tarr.

Vey

Rev. Walter W. Vey married Anna E. Spreklin, children :

- (1) Madeline.
- (2) Grace.
- (3) Elaine born June 29, 1925.

Waite

Henry Tyler Waite married Dorothy Howard, children:

- (1) Louis Jean born December 16, 1928.
- (2) Alvan Howard born November 20, 1931.
- (3) Robert Tyler born October 3, 1933.
- (4) June Avis born June 28, 1938.

Waterman

James Waterman born in Rhode Island December 23, 1768, died in Jamaica December 6, 1827. Came here at an early date. Married Nellie Howard Butler born February 21, 1780, and said to have been the first female child born in Jamaica. They had four children: (1) Mary, (2) Chandler, (3) Ezra, and (4) Lorenzo.

Chandler Waterman, son of James and Nellie Howard Butler, born January 14, 1815, died May 12, 1893. Married February, 1836, Polly Thayer and had six children: (1) Mrs. Shumway, (2) Eleazer Lee, (3) George, (4) Mrs. Haven, (5) Mrs. Coleman, and (6) Herbert. Celebrated their golden wedding February, 1886.

Eleazer Lee Waterman, son of Chandler and Polly Thayer, born July 25, 1839, died December 29, 1929. Married Jenny E. Bemis. Graduate of Leland and Gray; admitted to the bar September, 1863; state senator, 1876-78; judge Probate Court, 1896-1906; supreme judge, 1906-19; Middlebury College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, 1917. He was president of the Jamaica Savings Bank, 1882.

Chandler Waterman, son of Herbert, was in France in 1918, where he died from shell wound. Born in Jamaica.

Wheeler

Hon. Hoyt H. Wheeler born August 30, 1833, died November 19, 1906 in Brattleboro. He came to Jamaica in

1859 and married Minnie L. Macley. He was representative 1866, state senator 1866-69, judge Supreme Court 1869-77, U. S. district judge 1878-84. For many years Judge Wheeler was noted for taking his guests to the top of College Hill for them to see the wonderful view.

Henry J. Wheeler born July 28, 1834 at Jamaica. Married (1) Lucy Lolke, one son born in Jamaica, George M. Married (2) Jane M. Sheldon born March 3, 1848 in Jamaica, children:

(1) Ralph H. born October 6, 1875 in Jamaica.

(2) Roland F. born September 27, 1881 in Jamaica.

Henry J. Wheeler served as selectman and representative.

Ralph H. Wheeler married Nettie M. Martin, born March 15, 1880, children:

(1) Floyd H. born April 9, 1900, died June 10, 1900.

(2) Elsie M. born October 12, 1907.

Ralph H. Wheeler served as tax collector 1903-08, assessor sixteen years, selectman twelve years, representative 1908-09 and 1923, rural carrier from Jamaica since 1924.

Deacon Beriah Wheeler was an early settler in Jamaica locating on road No. 16. Was deacon of the Congregational church, and at one time served as town clerk. Married Mary Williams and had ten children. Died in 1835.

White

John X. White married Lena A. Ryder June 29, 1901, children:

(1) Charles R. born March 2, 1902.

(2) Frederick M. born February 14, 1905.

(3) Leonard G. born April 26, 1909.

(4) William Maynard born April 22, 1914.

(5) Karl J. born July 29, 1917.

(6) Erroll E. born January 11, 1921.

Charles R. White married Julia Bourn December 14, 1929, child:

(1) John Dwight born April 17, 1932 at Wardsboro.

Frederick M. White married (1) Lydia W. Darby June 22, 1929, children:

(1) William Warner born July 25, 1930.

(2) Frederick M., Jr. December 10, 1931 at Newfane.

(3) Philip Arthur born January, 1934, died March, 1935 at Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. Lydia White died March, 1934.

Married (2) Grace E. Coughlin December 31, 1934, child:

(1) Eleanor Mae born March 28, 1937.

Kilburn W. White married Grayce E. Bassett May 28, 1938.

Wilder

Bert G. Wilder born August 8, 1868, died July 10, 1927, married Dora Chamberlain January 1, 1899, children:

(1) Edith born November 14, 1900, married — Sprague.

(2) Ray G. born April 23, 1903.

(3) Ruth born February 13, 1922.

Bernie Franklin Wilder born July 21, 1866, died November 14, 1939, married Ellen Clark February 14, 1893, died February 2, 1940, child:

(1) Donald born October 7, 1909.

Elias Wilder came from Dummerston in 1785 and was an early settler in West Jamaica. His son Ephraim married Lucinda Rice and had seven children, three lived in Jamaica, (1) George F., (2) Emery S., (3) Austin N.

George F. Wilder married Lucy M. Hurlbert and had three children and lived on road No. 38.

Emery S. Wilder lived on road No. 34.

Austin N. Wilder lived on road No. 33, a carpenter.

Elmer C. Wilder born April 1, 1907, married Mildred A. Neilson October 10, 1933, child:

- (1) Marlene A.

Williams

John Williams born August 15, 1820, died September 8, 1858. He was a clerk in the dry-goods store of Benjamin Livermore, where F. A. Rush now has a grain store. He played the first musical instrument in the Congregational church. This was his own melodeon, held on his knees and pumped by his knees and elbows while his fingers pressed the keys. Later legs and pedals were added. This instrument is now owned by his granddaughter Stella. After his marriage to Malitta Muzzy he moved to Wisconsin and died there. His widow and daughter Flora returned to Jamaica and lived with Mrs. Williams' father, Benjamin Muzzy. John Williams was postmaster at Jamaica from 1847-55. Mrs. Williams at one time taught in the village schools.

Flora Isadore Williams married Fred Howard December 29, 1875, child:

- (1) Stella Malitta Howard born October 21, 1875, and is a Daughter of the American Revolution No. 134439.

Henry Williams born January 7, 1871, married 1905 Julia Williams born March 8, 1881, children:

- (1) Walter born December 21, 1909.
- (2) Lester born June 18, 1916.
- (3) Wilma born August 18, 1918, married Charles M. Dodge 1936.

Henry E. Williams born May 4, 1875, married Lila Kingsbury October 10, 1918, child:

- (1) Ernest born June 26, 1919.

Wolcott

Howard Franklin Wolcott born June 26, 1849, married Agnes M. Shumway May 24, 1879, children:

(1) Eva A. born June 19, 1880.

(2) John K. born April 10, 1882.

Judge Howard F. Wolcott was admitted to the Bar 1876 and began practice in Jamaica 1883. Mrs. Agnes Wolcott was organist at the Baptist church for fifty years.

John K. Wolcott was ordained a Baptist minister in 1938, is Chaplain and musical director at the Duncan Summer School and Camp Duncan at Derby, Vt.

Wolf

Max F. Wolf born October 10, 1874, married Nina Plumley October 2, 1900, child:

(1) Gladys born June 23, 1905.

Wood

John Wood born May 26, 1775, married Lucy Allen April 18, 1808, children:

(1) Mary Ann born March 31, 1811.

(2) Louisa M. born September 12, 1812, married David Twitchell 1835.

(3) Sarah born March 17, 1814.

(4) Lucy born October 4, 1815.

(5) John Franklin born March 1, 1818.

(6) Cyrene born September 3, 1820.

(7) Laura born November 2, 1822.

(8) Maria born February 13, 1824.

(9) George born June 1, 1826.

(10) Arad T. born March 9, 1828.

Wright

John J. Wright married Margaret J. White, children:

(1) John E. born December 13, 1905.

(2) Isabella F. born March 24, 1907.

(3) William J. born June 20, 1909.

- (4) Thomas W. born July 12, 1910.
- (5) George A. born January 14, 1912.
- (6) Jane M. born September 16, 1915.
- (7) Annie L. born May 17, 1917.
- (8) Mary H. born July 24, 1918.
- (9) Joseph E. born January 22, 1921.

John E. Wright married Mary White, children:

- (1) Alice Bessie born April 1, 1927.
- (2) Evelyn Julia born October 2, 1931.

Isabella F. Wright married Bertie A. Sage, child:

- (1) James Alfred Sage born February 10, 1927.

Mary H. Wright married Camille Paradis August 18, 1938, child:

- (1) Helen Margaret Paradis born January 5, 1939.

Jane M. Wright married Ralph H. Parsons September 19, 1938.

Young

David Young came from Arlington, Conn. about 1796. Bought land on South Hill and built a house. Married (1) Polly Fitts and had thirteen children. Married (2) Elizabeth Streeter and had six children. Was one of the founders of the Baptist church. Jonathan, Job, and Jerry, three sons lived in Jamaica. Jerry married Candace D. Knowlton and had three sons and two daughters.

Deaths

Allen, Almyra E., died April 29, 1925, age 75
Allen, Amanda, died October 30, 1923
Allen, Charles L., died November 1, 1939, age 73
Allen, Frances Helen, died May 29, 1926, age 92
Allen, Jennie S., died June 20, 1934, age 63
Allen, Leroy, died February 27, 1926, age 85
Allen, Phineas, died April 11, 1920
Allen, William S., died March 5, 1928, age 63
Allen, Will O., died July 17, 1939, age 70

- Axtel, Edith P., died December 26, 1934, age 73
Axtel, Emery B., died June 30, 1930, age 75
Ballard, Fred Arthur, died December 27, 1931, age 74
Ballard, Jennie S., died June 30, 1933, age 66
Bennett, Bessie M., died November 22, 1939, age 53
Bennett, George W., died March 19, 1929
Bogle, Azzeline M., died September 9, 1931, age 86
Bogle, Herbert W., died July 8, 1938, age 67
Bogle, Lottie Wells, died June 6, 1939, age 65
Bourn, G. Frank, died April 9, 1926, age 57
Bristol, Sophonia C., died May 24, 1915
Brown, Sarah C., died April 24, 1940
Brown, Sarah M., died August 2, 1928
Burnap, Edna M., died July 20, 1937, age 82
Burnap, Nancy M., died November 7, 1910
Clark, John M., died July 22, 1932, age 81
Clough, Harry V., died August 24, 1938, age 54
Cutting, Mabel Cowdrey, died August 1, 1939, age 56
Doane, Cynthia A., died May 5, 1938
Doane, George M., died December 10, 1931, age 75
Emerson, Emma S., died February 23, 1931, age 68
Emerson, Hermon D., died March 5, 1935, age 78
Franklin, George E., died October 21, 1938, age 83
Gleason, Mary Allen, died November 13, 1939, age 66
Grout, Leon E., died February 27, 1936, age 48
Grout, Reuben B., died January 24, 1939, age 80
Hamilton, W. Henry, died January 22, 1931, age 74
Higgins, Alva E., died January 20, 1925, age 62
Holton, Ida C., died September 8, 1934, age 65
Howard, Charles H., died April 13, 1926, age 59
Howard, Mason, died October 5, 1907, age 78
Howard, Revilo, died March 19, 1922, age 89
Howe, Elsie, died June 6, 1934, age 81
Howe, Lysander W., died July 2, 1938, age 77
Jacobs, Eliza A., died December 29, 1923, age 76, in Brattleboro

Johnson, Melissa, died May 15, 1925, age 81
Johnson, Orrin A., died September 8, 1926, age 86
Jones, Leonard, died February 10, 1934, age 28
Jones, Mason H., died February 10, 1931, age 68
Kellogg, George A., died December 31, 1880
Kingsbury, Ada N., died April 30, 1935, age 74
Kingsbury, Angie Howe, died March 19, 1938, age 81
Kingsbury, Charles H., died January 29, 1929, age 75
Kingsbury, Emma L., died October 29, 1935, age 72
Kingsbury, Harvey Monson, died September 7, 1938, age
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Kingsbury, Leslie W., died April 29, 1936, age 79
Knight, Fanny P., died December 18, 1936, age 74
Knight, Harry K., died October 19, 1932, age 66
Knights, Hilda E., died February 5, 1937, age 50
Knowlton, John L., died July 5, 1939
Lewis, George A., died November 23, 1937, age 19
Lewis, George F., died August 15, 1934, age 82
Lippincott, Walter C., died August 19, 1940, age 69
Lowe, William, died March 9, 1930, age 73
Muzzy, Mary O., died January 8, 1915
Parsons, William O., died November 21, 1935, age 91
Pike, Nellie M., died July 29, 1934, age 64
Reed, Philena, died October 20, 1925, age 80
Rue, Florence G., died November 10, 1926, age 46
Sage, Bert M., died February 19, 1935, age 62
Sage, Eveline Wilder, died December 22, 1932, age 78
Sanders, Augusta M., died May 18, 1920
Sellers, Fred, died January 11, 1933, age 81
Sherwin, Harry S., died December 13, 1936, age 70
Sherwin, Mary A., died May 17, 1924
Sprague, Eunice A., died March 22, 1930
Taylor, Edward G., died April 8, 1926, age 76
Torry, Clarence J., died October 25, 1938, age 85
Torry, Menette Edna (Skinner), died May 18, 1940
Usher, Irving E., Minister, died July 17, 1939

Vincent, Hannah L., died December 22, 1893, age 80
 Waite, Ida F., died November 10, 1934, age 49
 Waite, Jennie M., died April 16, 1925, age 48
 Wellman, Mrs. W. F., died March 1, 1912
 Wellman, Wilbur, died January 31, 1937
 Wheeler, Jennie, died December 26, 1923
 White, Abbie E., died October 1, 1928
 White, William W., died January 5, 1912
 Willard, Mary P., died November 8, 1926, age 92
 Williams, Charles, died November 8, 1926, age 86
 Williams, Lula (Kingsbury), died July 12, 1931, age 68
 Wood, Fannie C., died March 1, 1929, age 92

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Fayette	Asenath
Galusha	Candace
Isaiah	Content
Israel	Lacina
Jeptha	Laurette
Juna	Lestina
Nahor	Lorinda
Philemon	Lucretia
Phineas	Luthera
Revilo	Remember
Saba	Semira
Zelotes	Serina
Zenos	Submit
Ziba	Theodocia
	Una
	Zippie



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WHERE VERMONT COMES IN

Up where the north winds blow just a little keener,
Up where the grasses grow just a little greener,
Up where the mountain peaks rise a little higher,
Up where the human kind draws a little nigher,
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the snows of winter last a little longer,
Up where the heart beats just a little stronger,
Up where the hand clasp is just a little warmer,
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the lonesome pine its nightly requiem sighs,
Up where the unpolluted waters take their rise,
Up where the sons of toil have fought for freedom's sod,
Up where all nature's mood is a little nearer God,
That's where Vermont comes in.

Wherever manhood fights for honor,
And where woman shrinks at sin,
Where health is man's best riches,
That's where Vermont comes in.

—Hon. Charles H. Darling

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